Notice of Energy Commission Staff Workshop on the Staff Assessment for the Marsh Landing Generating Station (08-AFC-3)

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff will conduct a workshop on the Staff Assessment (SA) for the Marsh Landing Generating Station (MLGS) on May 4, 2010. All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate. The workshop will be held:

Tuesday, May 4, 2010
Beginning at 1:00 PM
California Energy Commission
Hearing Room A
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA  95814-5512
(Wheelchair Accessible)

Call-in Number (toll free): 800-369-1718  (pass code: MARSH )

Purpose
The purpose of this workshop is for staff to receive Staff Assessment (SA) comments from the applicant, public, interveners and local, state and federal agencies. The SA Workshop will also provide an opportunity for all parties to work towards resolving any outstanding issues. The SA will be published and released for review on Monday, April 26, 2010. All technical disciplines will be open for discussion at the SA Workshop, with a particular focus on Biology, Soil and Water Resources and Waste Management.

The 30-day public comment period for the Staff Assessment (SA) will conclude on May 26, 2010. Comments should be sent to Mike Monasmith, Senior Project Manager, California Energy Commission, 1516 Ninth St., MS-15, Sacramento, CA 95814, or email: mike.monasmith@energy.state.ca.us. Public comments will be addressed by staff, which along with the SA, will constitute staff’s testimony during Evidentiary Hearings for this proceeding, currently anticipated to occur by mid-Summer, 2010.

Background
The Staff Assessment (SA) contains the California Energy Commission staff’s evaluation of the Marsh Landing Generating Station (MLGS). The proposed 760-megawatt (MW) MLGS electric generating plant and related facilities are under the Energy Commission’s licensing jurisdiction and cannot be constructed or operated without the Energy Commission’s certification. The SA contains analyses similar to those normally contained in an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) required by the California Environmental Quality Act.
(CEQA). When issuing a license, the Energy Commission is the lead state agency under CEQA, and its process is functionally equivalent to the preparation of an EIR.

The Energy Commission staff has the responsibility to complete an independent assessment of the project’s engineering design and its potential effects on the environment, the public’s health and safety, and whether the project conforms to all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and standards (LORS). The staff also recommends measures to mitigate potential significant adverse environmental effects and conditions of certification for construction, operation and eventual closure of the project, if approved by the Energy Commission.

This SA is not the decision document for these proceedings, nor does it contain findings of the Energy Commission related to environmental impacts or the project’s compliance with local/state/federal legal requirements. The SA serves as staff’s official, sworn testimony in evidentiary hearings to be held by the Committee assigned to this proceeding, comprised of two Commissioners and a Hearing Officer. After evidentiary hearings, the Committee will consider testimony and comments presented by staff, the applicant, other parties to the proceeding, governmental agencies and the public – all aspects that comprise the official record of this proceeding -- and issue a Presiding Member’s Proposed Decision (PMPD). Following a public hearing, the full five-member Energy Commission will make its final decision on this power plant application based upon the PMPD, comments by parties to the proceeding and input from members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Please direct your technical or project schedule questions to Mike Monasmith, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 654-4894, or by e-mail at mike.monasmith@energy.state.ca.us. If you desire information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact the Energy Commission’s Public Adviser’s Office, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228. The Public Adviser's Office can also be contacted via email at pao@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to the media office at (916) 654-4989 or via email at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us. The status of the proposed project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission’s web site: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/marshlanding.

You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices and announcements at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers. By being on this email list, you will receive all project-related notices and documents pertaining to the project’s evaluation and review. If you have any questions related to the automatic email notification list, please contact Teraja Golston, Project Assistant, at (916) 654-4498, or by email at: tgolston@energy.state.ca.us.

Date: ______________

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WORKSHOP ON THE STAFF ASSESSMENT FOR THE
MARSH LANDING GENERATION STATION
(08-AFC-3)

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FOR THE MARSH LANDING
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Docket No. 08-AFC-3

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I, Teraja` Golston, declare that on April 23, 2010, I mailed hard copies of the attached Notice of Energy Commission Staff Workshop on the Staff Assessment. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at:
[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/marshlanding/index.html].

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the proceeding.

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