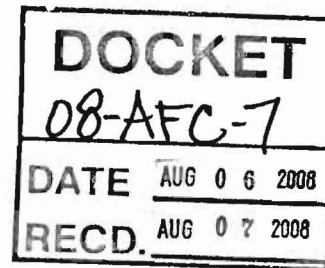


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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Re: GFW Tracy Combined Cycle Power Plant Application for Certification
Application for Confidential Designation – Cultural Resources Reports
Docket No. 08-AFC-7

Dear Ms. Jones:

GWF Energy, LLC (GWF or "Applicant") is the owner of the proposed GWF Tracy Combined Cycle Power Plant in an unincorporated portion of San Joaquin County immediately southwest of Tracy, California (GWF Tracy or the "Project"). In support of the Application for Certification (AFC) for the Project, Applicant's consultants prepared the following documents entitled *APPENDIX 5.3B TPP AFC Cultural Resource Assessment CONFIDENTIAL*; *APPENDIX 5.3C GWF Tracy CHRIS Literature Search Results CONFIDENTIAL*; and *APPENDIX 5.3E Cultural Resource Figures 5.3E1a - 5.3E1d CONFIDENTIAL* (the "Cultural Resources Reports"), which are enclosed. Applicant requests that the Cultural Resources Reports be designated confidential pursuant to 20 CCR Section 2505.

In support of its application for confidential designation, Applicant provides the following information:

1(a). *Title, date and description (including number of pages) of the record for which you request confidential designation.*

APPENDIX 5.3B TPP AFC Cultural Resource Assessment CONFIDENTIAL, dated August 6, 2008. Pages: 263.

APPENDIX 5.3C GWF Tracy CHRIS Literature Search Results CONFIDENTIAL, dated August 6, 2008. Pages: 252.

APPENDIX 5.3E Cultural Resource Figures 5.3E1a - 5.3E1d CONFIDENTIAL, dated August 6, 2008. Pages: 4

1(b). *Specify the part(s) of the record for which you request confidential designation.*

Applicant requests confidential designation for the entirety of the Cultural Resources Reports.

2. *State and justify the length of time the Commission should keep the record confidential.*

The Cultural Resources Reports should be kept confidential indefinitely to protect potential cultural resources sites. If the descriptions of the locations of the sites are released to the public domain, there is a risk of looting.

3(a). *State the provisions of the Public Records Act or other law that allows the Commission to keep the record confidential, and explain why the provision(s) apply to the record.*

The Cultural Resources Reports specifically identify site locations and areas of potential cultural significance. They are thus protected under Government Code Sections 6254(e) and 6254(k). Protection provided is analogous to that given to Native American sacred places under Section 6254(r) of the Government Code.

3(b). *Discuss the public interest in nondisclosure of the record. If the record contains trade secrets or its disclosure would otherwise cause loss of a competitive advantage, please also state how it would be lost, the value of the information to the applicant, and the cost or difficulty with which the information could be legitimately acquired or duplicated by others.*

The public interest will be served by nondisclosure by preventing looting of the cultural resource sites described in the Cultural Resources Reports. Such looting would preclude scientific study of the sites to obtain data about the cultural resource areas.

4. *State whether the record may be disclosed if it is aggregated with other information or masked to conceal certain portions (including but not limited to the identity of the applicant). State the degree of aggregation or masking required. If the data cannot be disclosed even if aggregated or masked, explain why.*

Applicant believes the California Energy Commission staff can incorporate a generalized summary of the information contained in the Cultural Resources Reports to properly state the basis for its analysis without disclosing information specific enough to facilitate looting.

5. *State how the record is kept confidential by the applicant and whether it has ever been disclosed to a person other than an employee of the applicant. If it has, explain the circumstances under which disclosure occurred.*

GWF has not disclosed any of the subject confidential information to anyone other than its employees, attorneys, and consultants working on the AFC for the Project. Moreover, this

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information has not been disclosed to persons employed by or working for GWF except on a "need-to-know" basis. GWF has marked this information "confidential" and has instituted a policy that it be segregated from other Project files.

I have been authorized to make this application and certification on behalf of GWF. With my signature to this letter, I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this application for confidential designation is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,

CH2M HILL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Salamy", written over the printed name "CH2M HILL".

JS Jerry Salamy
Senior Project Manager