

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

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## **Notice of Data Response & Issues Resolution Staff Workshop for the Riverside Energy Resource Center Units 3 & 4 (08-SPPE-1)**

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a Data Response and Issues Resolution workshop for the Riverside Energy Resource Center Units 3 & 4 project. The purpose is to discuss the applicant's responses to staff's data requests and to work toward resolving any outstanding issues. All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate. The workshop will be held:

**THURSDAY, June 26, 2008**

**Starting at 1:30 p.m.**

**Riverside Public Utilities Orange Square Ballroom  
3901 Orange Street  
Riverside, CA 92501**

**Call-in Number: (1-877-797-2663)**

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<b>DOCKET</b> 08-SPPE-1	
<b>DATE</b>	JUN 13 2008
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### **Purpose**

The Energy Commission staff is currently analyzing the City of Riverside's application for a Small Power Plant Exemption (SPPE) for the proposed Riverside Energy Resource Center Units 3 & 4 project. Staff published data requests on May 6, 2008 for the technical areas of: air quality, biological resources, geology and paleontology, hazardous materials, land use, socioeconomic, transmission system engineering, visual resources/plume, waste management, and water resources.

The staff workshop will focus on discussing the City of Riverside's data responses, which were received on June 9, 2008, and working toward resolving project issues. Prior to the discussion of individual technical areas, staff will explain the Energy Commission's SPPE process. The public will have an opportunity to make comments during the workshop. Following the workshop, staff will consider the responses and comments it receives and will publish an Initial Study containing a preliminary analysis of the proposed project.

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## **Background**

On March 19, 2008, the City of Riverside filed an application for a Small Power Plant Exemption (SPPE). The City of Riverside, proposes to build, own, and operate two simple cycle units at its Riverside Energy Resource Center (RERC) within the City of Riverside, Riverside County. The proposed gas-fired peaking project would have a nominal generation capacity of approximately 95 megawatts (MW) and would be an expansion of an existing 96 MW peaking facility exempted by the Energy Commission in 2004. RERC Units 1 & 2 began operation in June 2006. RERC Units 3 & 4 would supply internal peaking needs of the City of Riverside primarily during summer peak electrical demands.

The proposed project site is owned by the City of Riverside and is located adjacent to and on the east side of the City of Riverside's Regional Water Quality Control Plant in a light industrial/manufacturing area. RERC Units 3 & 4 would be located immediately north of Units 1 & 2 and would occupy approximately 2.2 acres of the 16-acre RERC site. The remaining rough graded, undeveloped portion of the RERC site would be used for construction laydown (approximately five disturbed acres in total).

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing, and ultimately approving or denying, all thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. The Energy Commission's SPPE process allows projects between 50 and 100 MW to proceed with local approval rather than obtaining Energy Commission certification. An exemption is available if the Energy Commission finds that the project would not create a substantial adverse impact on the environment or energy resources. If an exemption is granted, the applicant would need to secure the appropriate licenses and permits for the project from various local, state and federal agencies.

## **Public Participation**

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office provides the public with assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at [pao@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:pao@energy.state.ca.us). If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance of the workshop.

## **Questions**

General information and documents on the proposed project, including the applicant's data responses, are available on the Energy Commission's website at [http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/riverside\\_expansion/index.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/riverside_expansion/index.html). Please direct all news media inquiries to the Energy Commission's media office at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

For technical questions on the subject matter, please contact Felicia Miller, Project Manager, at (916) 654-4640 or by e-mail to [fmiller@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:fmiller@energy.state.ca.us). If you are unable to participate in the workshop, written comments may be sent to the staff's project manager electronically or to the Energy Commission's street address shown on the letterhead of this notice.

Date: 6/13/08

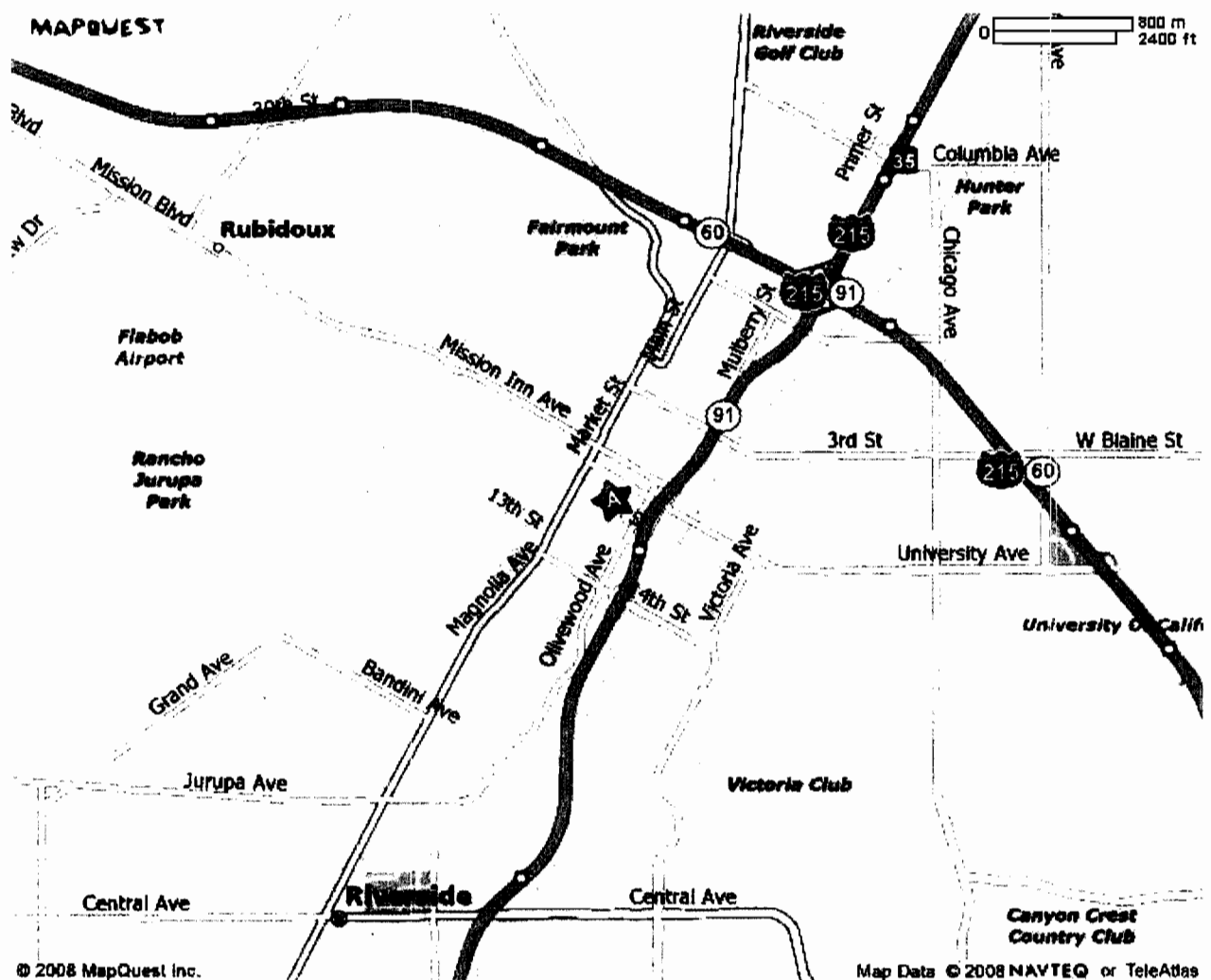
  
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**BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**APPLICATION FOR SMALL POWER  
PLANT EXEMPTION FOR THE RIVERSIDE  
RESOURCE CENTER UNITS 3 & 4**

**Docket No. 08-SPPE-1**

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

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### **DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I, Christina Flores, declare that on June 16, 2008, I deposited copies of the attached Notice of Data Response & Issues Resolution Staff Workshop in the United States mail at Sacramento, California with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to those identified on the Proof of Service list above.

**OR**

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

  
**Christina Flores**