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**Notice of Proposed Mitigated Negative
 Declaration and Initial Study Workshop for
 Riverside Energy Resource Center Units 3 & 4
 (08-SPPE-1)**

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The California Energy Commission will conduct a workshop on the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study (MNDIS) for the proposed Riverside Energy Resource Center Units 3 & 4. The workshop will provide an opportunity for agencies, the public and other interested parties to present questions and comments on the MNDIS. All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate. The workshop will be held:

TUESDAY, December 2, 2008

Starting at 10:00 a.m.

Riverside Public Utilities Orange Square Ballroom

3901 Orange Street

Riverside, CA 92501

(Wheelchair Accessible)

(Map Attached)

Purpose

California Energy Commission staff recently filed its MNDIS on the Riverside Energy Resource Center Units 3 & 4. The purpose of this MNDIS workshop is to receive comments on staff's analysis from the applicant, public, interveners in the proceeding, and local, state and federal agencies. Discussions will include all topics contained in the NDIS with a focus on: Air Quality, Biology, Soil and Water and Waste Management. Public comments on the NDIS are welcome and encouraged to be submitted in writing by December 4, 2008, to Felicia Miller, Project Manager, at the address on this letterhead.

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 power to meet the 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-

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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 through a mitigated negative declaration process 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 Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact the Public Adviser, Elena Miller, at (916) 654-4489, toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at pao@energy.state.ca.us. To request special accommodations for those persons with disabilities, please contact Lourdes Quiroz, the Energy Commission's EEO Officer at lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us or by telephone (916) 654-5146. For those persons with limited English knowledge, request interpreter services by contacting Felicia Miller, Project Manager at (916) 654-4640 or by e-mail at fmiller@energy.ca.us.

Questions

General information about the proposed generating facility and related documents are available on the Energy Commission's website at 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. For technical questions on the subject matter, please contact Felicia Miller, Project Manager. If you are unable to attend the workshop, written comments may be sent to the Project Manager electronically or to the Energy Commission's street address shown on the letterhead of this notice.

Date: 11-18-08

Original Signature in Dockets
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**BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
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***APPLICATION FOR SMALL POWER
PLANT EXEMPTION FOR THE RIVERSIDE
RESOURCE CENTER UNITS 3 & 4***

Docket No. 08-SPPE-1

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INSTRUCTIONS: All parties shall either (1) send an original signed document plus 12 copies or (2) mail one original signed copy AND e-mail the document to the address for the Docket as shown below, AND (3) all parties shall also send a printed or electronic copy of the document, which includes a proof of service declaration to each of the individuals on the proof of service list shown below:

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Mineka Foggie, declare that on November 20, 2008, I deposited copies of the attached Notice of Draft Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study Workshop for Riverside Energy Resource Center Units 3 & 4 (08- SPPE-1) in the United States mail at Sacramento, CA with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to those identified on the Proof of Service list above.

OR

Transmission via electronic mail was consistent with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 20, sections 1209, 1209.5, and 1210. All electronic copies were sent to all those identified on the Proof of Service list above.

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

Original Signature in Dockets
Mineka Foggie

Attachments