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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
 FOR THE WATSON COGENERATION STEAM AND ELECTRIC RELIABILITY
 PROJECT (09-AFC-1)**

On March 19, 2009, the California Energy Commission received an Application for Certification (AFC) from the Watson Cogeneration Company. The Watson Cogeneration Steam and Electric Reliability Project (project) is a proposed expansion of a steam and electrical generating (cogeneration) facility that is located in the City of Carson in Los Angeles County.

Project Description

The project complements the existing cogeneration facility located within the confines of the BP Carson Refinery. The existing facility has four General Electric (GE) 7EA combustion turbine generators (CTG), four heat recovery steam generators (HRSG) and two steam turbine generators (STG). In operation since 1988, the existing cogeneration facility is owned by Watson Cogeneration Company (Watson) and operated by BP West Coast Products, LLC – BP Carson Refinery. Watson is a joint partnership between subsidiaries of BP America and Edison Mission Energy. Since the project consists of adding a fifth CTG/HRSG to the existing configuration, it is also referred to as the “fifth train.”

This fifth train would increase the existing capacity of the 385-megawatt (MW) Watson Cogeneration Facility by approximately 85 MW to a total output of 470 MW.

The project site is located within the boundary of the existing Watson Cogeneration Facility, which is a 21.7-acre area and is part of a larger parcel containing the BP Carson Refinery. The project site is located in the City of Carson, approximately 0.7 mile south of the 405 Freeway, roughly bounded by East 223rd Street to the north, Wilmington Avenue to the west, East Sepulveda Boulevard to the south, and South Alameda Street to the east.

The Construction Laydown and Parking Area is a paved 25-acre parcel located approximately 1 mile southeast of the Project Site, and is located at 2149 East Sepulveda Boulevard.

No off-site improvements such as water supply, natural gas or wastewater pipelines are proposed. Instead, the project would connect to the existing supply pipelines currently used by the Watson Cogeneration Facility. Similarly, the project would obtain its other utility needs and services (compressed air and anhydrous ammonia) from the existing systems. Upgrades to existing transmission lines to accommodate the project would not be required.

If approved, project construction would begin in May 2010, with commercial operation commencing in June 2012.

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Energy Commission's Facility Certification Process

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all applications to construct and operate thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, in California. The Energy Commission's facility certification process carefully examines public health and safety, environmental impacts, and engineering aspects of proposed power plants and all related facilities, such as electric transmission lines and natural gas and water pipelines. The issuance of a certificate by the Energy Commission is in lieu of any local, state or federal permit (to the extent permitted by federal law). The Energy Commission is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and because the siting process is a Certified Regulatory program, it produces several environmental and decision documents rather than an Environmental Impact Report.

Public Participation

Over the coming months, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings on the proposal to determine whether the project should be approved for construction and operation and under what set of conditions. These workshops will provide the public as well as local, state and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions about, and provide input on, the proposed project. The Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings at least 10 days prior to the meeting. If you are not currently receiving these notices and want to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Teraja Golston, Project Secretary, at (916) 654-4498, or by e-mail at tgolston@energy.state.ca.us.

Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Alan Solomon, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 653-8236, or by email at asolomon@energy.state.ca.us.

The status of the proposed project, copies of notices, a copy of the AFC, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/watson/index.html>. You can also receive email notification of all project related activities and availability of reports by subscribing to the Listserve at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html>.

If you want information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact the Energy Commission Public Adviser Office, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228 or by email at publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us.

News media inquiries should be directed to Susanne Garfield, Assistant Executive Director, at (916) 654-4989 or by email to mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

This notice of receipt has been mailed to all parties that requested placement on the mailing list during the pre-filing period and to property owners located within 1000 feet of the proposed project site or 500 feet of any linear facilities. By being on the mailing list, you will receive notices of all project-related activities and notices when documents related to

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the proposed project's evaluation are available for review. If you want your name removed from the mailing list, please contact Teraja Golston, Project Secretary, at (916) 654-4498, or by e-mail at tgolston@energy.state.ca.us.

Availability of the AFC

Copies of the AFC are available at the following local libraries:

Carson Regional Library
151 East Carson St
Carson, CA 90745-2797

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library
17906 S Avalon Blvd
Carson, CA 90746-1598

Wilmington Library
1300 North Avalon Blvd
Wilmington, CA 90744

Harbor Gateway Library
24000 Western Ave
Harbor City, CA 90710

Long Beach Main Library
101 Pacific Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90822

Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Eureka, Fresno, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego. In addition, this information has been shared with those public agencies that would normally have jurisdiction except for the Energy Commission's exclusive authority to certify sites and related facilities.

Sincerely,

Eric Knight, Manager
Energy Facilities Siting and Docket Office