

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

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**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**  
**PETITION TO INSTALL ADDITIONAL STORAGE TANK**  
**FOR THE**  
**GATEWAY GENERATING STATION PROJECT (00-AFC-1C)**

**DOCKET**  
**00-AFC-1C**

DATE APR 03 2012

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On February 27, 2012, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Company filed a petition with the California Energy Commission requesting to modify the Energy Commission Decision for the Gateway Generating Station Project. The 530-megawatt project was previously owned by Southern Energy Delta, LLC, and was certified by the Energy Commission on May 29, 2001. The site is located on Wilbur Avenue, one mile northeast of Antioch, on the southern shore of the San Joaquin River in Contra Costa County. Highway 4 and the Antioch Bridge are just east of the site.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION**

This modification proposes to install a new 40,000 gallon bolted carbon steel storage tank. The proposed tank would be 18 feet in height by 21.5 feet in diameter.

In the 2010 and 2011 operation of the plant, PG&E determined that in order to reduce water discharges resulting from more frequent start-up/shut down activities required by the California Independent System Operator Corporation, additional storage capacity was needed to contain and ultimately reuse the reclaimed water from the power plant boilers that need to be emptied during shut down activities. The new tank will be located near the existing 100,000 gallon reclaimed water tank.

This modification also includes the installation of an additional forwarding pump, valves, and interconnecting pipes.

**ENERGY COMMISSION REVIEW AND DETERMINATION**

The Commission is the lead agency for the purpose of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance. Pursuant to Section 1769(a)(2), Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Energy Commission staff can approve project modifications if the Energy Commission staff determines that:

- There is no possibility that the modification may have a significant effect on the environment; and
- The modification will not result in a change to, or deletion of, a Condition of Certification adopted by the Energy Commission in the final Decision, or, make changes that would cause the project not to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, or standards (LORS).

Energy Commission staff has determined that the proposed modifications meet the criteria for staff approval because:

- The modification will not have any significant effect on the environment;
- Existing conditions of certification are sufficient to cover the proposed modification without changes to, or deletions of, any conditions of certification; and
- The project as modified, will maintain full compliance with applicable LORS.

Any person may file written comments within 14 days of the date of this notice as set forth in Section 1769(a)(2). All comments must be in writing and must be sent either by U.S. mail, e-mail, or other document delivery service to Craig Hoffman, Compliance Office, at the address shown below:

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Comments may be submitted by fax to: (916) 654-4781, or by e-mail to: [choffman@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:choffman@energy.state.ca.us). If no substantive objection is received in writing by April 18, 2012, the requested project modifications will be deemed approved, and a description of the change will be placed in the project file.

For further information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact the Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at [publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us). News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Craig Hoffman at (916) 654-4781, or by fax or e-mail using the above information.

Date: 4/03/12

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