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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
STAFF ASSESSMENT
FOR THE
HANFORD ENERGY PEAKER PROJECT AMENDMENT
(01-EP-7C)

This notice is to inform you of the availability of the Staff Assessment (SA) for GWF Energy, LLC's (GWF) proposed Amendment to the Hanford Energy Park Peaker (HEPP) Project (01-EP-7C). The SA was published on October 14, 2009.

The 95-megawatt HEPP project was certified by the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) on April 26, 2001, and began operations on September 21, 2001. The facility is located on approximately 5 acres in an industrial area in the City of Hanford in Kings County. On October 1, 2008, the Energy Commission received a petition from GWF to amend the Energy Commission Decision for the Hanford Energy Park Peaker (HEPP) Project (01-EP-7C). The modifications proposed in the petition would allow GWF to convert the facility from single-cycle to combined-cycle operations by adding two Once-Through Steam Generators, an air-cooled condenser and a steam turbine, which would increase overall generating capacity of the facility to 120 MW without increasing fuel use.

The purpose of the Energy Commission's amendment review process in the SA is to assess the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of the amendment on the environment, public health and safety, and the electric transmission system. The SA presents the conclusions, recommendations, and proposed conditions of certification that staff believes are necessary to mitigate or avoid potential significant adverse environmental impacts and to satisfy laws, ordinances, regulations and standards (LORS) that have changed since the original project was certified. The review process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed changes with the Energy Commission's Decision and with current applicable LORS (Title 20, Calif. Code of Regulations, section 1769).

Energy Commission staff reviewed the petition and assessed the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality, public health and safety, and proposes revisions to existing conditions of certification for Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Facility Design, Geology and Paleontology, Land Use, Noise, Socioeconomic Resources, Soil and Water Resources, Traffic and Transportation, Transmission System Engineering, Visual Resources, and Waste Management. It is staff's opinion that, with the implementation of revised conditions, the project will remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards and that the proposed modifications will not result in a significant adverse direct or cumulative impact to the environment (Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Section 1769). Agencies and members of the public are encouraged to participate in the SA review process. Written comments are appreciated by December 1 2009.

Notice of Availability
November 2009

The SA is available for review at the following local library:

Kings County Library
Hanford Branch
401 N. Douty Street
Hanford, CA 93230

The petition and SA are also available for review at the state's Depository Libraries, which are listed at http://www.energy.ca.gov/library/depository_libraries.html, and on the Energy Commission's website at:

http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hanford_amendment/documents/index.html.

Please submit comments to Matt Trask, Amendment Project Manager, by fax to (916) 654-3882, via e-mail to: mtrask@energy.state.ca.us, or by regular mail to:

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The Energy Commission's Order (if approved) will also be posted on the webpage. Energy Commission staff intends to recommend approval of the petition at the January 13, 2010, Business Meeting of the Energy Commission, though the actual date of the meeting may change.

Sincerely,

Eileen Allen
Siting and Compliance Office Manager

Date

Enclosure
Mailed to List 7010 – Property Owners

Please send me a paper copy / CD (circle one) of the California Energy Commission Staff Assessment for the Hanford Energy Park Peaker (HEPP) Amendment Staff Assessment (01-EP-7C).

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