

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT
 PETITION TO
 EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR
 COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION
 FOR THE
 BLYTHE ENERGY, PHASE II PROJECT (02-AFC-1C)**

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DATE	Oct. 20 2011
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On October 12, 2011, the Caithness Blythe II, LLC (Caithness) filed a petition with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) requesting to extend the deadline to commence construction for the Blythe Energy Project Phase II (BEP II or project). The 520-megawatt project was certified by the Energy Commission on December 14, 2005. The facility will be located within the City of Blythe, approximately five miles west of the center of the City.

BACKGROUND

The BEP II was approved on December 14, 2005. In October 2009, a petition to amend the BEP II was submitted that proposes several revisions to the application for certification that was approved in December 2005. On December 1, 2010, the Energy Commission approved a petition to extend the commencement of construction deadline for one year, from December 14, 2010 to December 14, 2011, in order to complete the analysis on the October 2009 amendment request without having their construction deadline lapse. Staff is currently in the process of finalizing their analysis of this separate petition to amend.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED REQUEST

The October 12, 2011 petition requests a five year extension of the deadline for the commencement of construction for the BEP II, from December 14, 2011 to December 14, 2016.

ENERGY COMMISSION REVIEW PROCEDURES

The deadline to commence construction, set by regulation, is otherwise five years from the effective date of the Energy Commission's final decision on the application for certification. An applicant, before the deadline, may request and the Commission may order, an extension for good cause (Cal.Code Regs., tit.20, §1720.3). The purpose of the Energy Commission review process is to determine whether the project owner has shown good cause justifying the extension of the deadline to commence construction. Energy Commission staff is currently analyzing the request and will publish an analysis in the near future. A public hearing for the purpose of approving or denying the petition will subsequently be held at a regularly scheduled business meeting.

This Notice of Receipt is being mailed to interested parties and property owners adjacent to the project site who may want to participate in the amendment process.

The petition is available on the Energy Commission's website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/blythe2/compliance/index.html>. The staff analysis (when published), will also be posted on the website. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the petition and/or staff's analysis, please complete the enclosed Information Request Form and return it to the address shown.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Mary Dyas, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 651-8891, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at: mdyas@energy.state.ca.us within 14 days of the date of this notice.

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. News media inquiries should be directed to the Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMMISSION DECISION TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE BLYTHE ENERGY PROJECT, PHASE II.

PLEASE CHECK THE DOCUMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE:

- PETITION TO AMEND
- STAFF ANALYSIS
- COMMISSION ORDER

PROJECT: BLYTHE ENERGY PROJECT, PHASE II

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