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In the Matter of: ) Docket No. 02-AFC-02  
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SALTON SEA GEOTHERMAL UNIT #6 ) Order No. 07-1219-4  
) ORDER APPROVING Extension  
) of the Deadline for Commencement  
) Construction

On November 12, 2007, CE Obsidian Energy LLC filed a petition to extend the deadline for the commencement of construction of the Salton Sea Geothermal Unit #6, located in Imperial County, California. Petitioner requests an extension of three years, from December 18, 2008 to December 18, 2011. The deadline, set by regulation, is otherwise five years from the effective date of the Energy Commission's decision, but an applicant, before the deadline, may request and the Commission may order an extension for good cause. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1720.3.)

This matter was heard at the regularly scheduled Business Meeting held on December 19, 2007, at which time staff and petitioner addressed the Commission. Staff had no objections to extending the deadline and recommended approval of petitioner's request based on the reasons stated in the petition.

Through its petition and these proceedings, petitioner CE Obsidian Energy LLC asserted that this extension is necessary because the project owner will not be able to commence construction by December 18, 2008. Due to economic circumstances beyond the control of the project owner, it is extremely unlikely that construction can commence before December 2008. Additionally, the project owner intends to petition the Commission to amend the current certification, and will need additional time to properly update the environmental analysis associated with such an amendment. No other person offered comments.

**CONCLUSION AND ORDER**

There being no objection and good cause having been shown by petitioner, the California Energy Commission hereby grants the petition to extend the start of construction of the Salton Sea Geothermal Unit #6 from December 18, 2008 to December 18, 2011.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: December 19, 2007

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JACKALYNE PFANNENSTIEL, Chairman