

- The project will remain in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards, subject to the provisions of Public Resources Code section 25525;
- The change will be beneficial to the public because it will significantly decrease environmental impacts compared to the licensed project.
- The modification was requested based on a substantial change in circumstance since the original SSU6 was approved, primarily related to availability of machinery and financing for geothermal power projects. Demand for electric generation services, including ancillary services, has increased substantially since the original project was approved. Conversion to three individual units will allow CE Obsidian Energy to better respond to the market demand for various generating services in coming years.

CONCLUSION AND ORDER

The Energy Commission hereby adopts the staff's recommendation and approves CE Obsidian Energy, LLC's Petition to Amend. The Energy Commission's Final Decision is hereby amended to allow construction and operation of the Black Rock 1, 2, and 3 Geothermal Power Plant. Energy Commission staff will henceforth provide adequate monitoring of all conditions and measures set forth in the final decision required to mitigate potential impacts and to assure that the facility has been constructed and is operated in compliance with the conditions of certification as set forth in the Energy Commission's Final Decision.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: February 2, 2011

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