

## CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF APPROVAL  
TO MODIFY THE  
WALNUT ENERGY CENTER PROJECT  
(02-AFC-4C)**

**DOCKET**  
**02-AFC-4C**

DATE JUN 07 2010

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On March 9, 2010, the Walnut Energy Center Authority filed a petition with the California Energy Commission requesting to modify the Walnut Energy Center Project (WEC). The 250-megawatt project was certified by the Energy Commission on February 18, 2004, and began commercial operation on February 28, 2006. The facility is located in the City of Turlock, in Stanislaus County.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS**

The proposed modification includes the addition of a new Micro Filter Feed Tank and shade structure. The Micro Filter Feed Tank is needed for WEC to continue to effectively operate its Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) water treatment process. The shade structure is necessary to prevent sun damage to the ZLD equipment.

**ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF REVIEW AND DETERMINATION**

Pursuant to section 1769(a)(2), Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Energy Commission approval of the project modification(s) is not required if 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, 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 modification(s) 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 a written objection to staff's determination within 14 days of the date of this notice on the grounds that the project modification does not meet the criteria set forth in Section 1769(a)(2). All objections must be in writing and must be sent either by U.S. mail, e-mail, or other document delivery service to Angelique Juarez-Garcia, Compliance Project Manager, at the address shown below:

California Energy Commission  
1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street, MS 2000  
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Comments may be submitted by fax to (916) 654-3882, or by e-mail at [AJgarcia@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:AJgarcia@energy.state.ca.us). If no substantive objection is received in writing by 5:00 p.m. on June 22, 2010, 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 Angelique Juarez-Garcia at (916) 654-4048, or by fax or e-mail using the above information.

Date

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