

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF A SUPPLEMENT TO THE
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR
THE ALMOND 2 POWER PLANT PROJECT
(09-AFC-2)**

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DATE	JUL 28 2009
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On May 11, 2009, the Turlock Irrigation District (TID) submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission to develop the Almond 2 Power Plant (A2PP), adjacent to the existing Almond 1 Power Plant (A1PP) in the City of Ceres, in Stanislaus County. On June 9, 2009, a Supplement to the AFC was received and evaluated by staff. Subsequently, at the Energy Commission's July 1, 2009 Business Meeting, the AFC was deemed complete, beginning staff's analysis of the proposed project.

Project Description

If approved, the project will occupy a 4.6-acre site, previously used as a soil borrow pit, within an industrial area approximately 2 miles from the Ceres city center and 5 miles south of Modesto, in Stanislaus County. A2PP would be a natural-gas fired, simple-cycle peaking facility rated at a gross generating capacity of 174 megawatts (MW). Primary equipment for the generating facility would include three 58-MW General Electric LM6000PG turbines equipped with a water injection system to the turbine in order to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) formation, and a selective catalytic reduction system to further control NOx emissions. Power would be transmitted to the grid at 115 kilovolts (kV) through two proposed new transmission lines which will connect to the proposed TID Grayson Substation, to be located approximately 3,300 feet from A2PP. The substation is expected to be complete before the A2PP project is operational and is not part of the A2PP project. Existing facilities at the adjacent A1PP will be shared with the A2PP facility without modification. They include the fire protection system, water treatment system, process water supply and wastewater discharge system, and demineralized and reverse osmosis water storage tanks. A2PP would receive process water from the Ceres Wastewater Treatment Plant through an existing pipeline at A1PP, as well as service water for domestic use provided by an existing onsite water well. Expansion of the existing natural gas service would be required for the proposed project. PG&E plans to construct an 8-inch natural gas pipeline to their supply line, a distance of nine to eleven miles from the A2PP site.

Energy Commission's Facility Certification Process

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all applications to construct and operate thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, in California. The Energy Commission's facility certification process carefully examines public health and safety, environmental impacts, and engineering aspects of proposed power plants and all related facilities, such as electric transmission lines and natural gas and water pipelines. As part of our review process, the staff of the Energy Commission works closely with local, state and federal agencies to ensure that all laws, ordinances, regulations and standards are addressed in the final decision of the California Energy

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Commission. The issuance of a certificate by the Energy Commission is in lieu of any local, state or federal permit (to the extent permitted by federal law). The Energy Commission is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), but through its certified regulatory program produces several environmental and decision documents rather than an Environmental Impact Report.

Public Participation

Over the coming months, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops, scoping meetings, and hearings on the proposal to determine whether the proposed project should be approved for construction and operation and under what set of conditions. These workshops and hearings will provide the public as well as local, state and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions about, and provide input on, the proposed project. The Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Please direct your technical or project schedule questions to Felicia Miller, Energy Commission Project Manager at (916)654-4640, or by e-mail at fmiller@energy.state.ca.us. If you desire information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact the Energy Commission's Associate Public Adviser, Loreen McMahon at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228. The Public Adviser can also be contacted via email at PublicAdviser@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to the media office at (916) 654-4989 or via email at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

This notice of receipt has been mailed to all parties that requested placement on the mailing list during the pre-filing period and to property owners located within 1000 feet of the proposed project site. By being on the mailing list, you will receive notices of all project-related activities and notices when documents related to the proposed project's evaluation are available for review. If you want your name removed from the mailing list, please contact Hilarie Anderson, Project Secretary, at (916) 651-0479 or by email at handerso@energy.state.ca.us.

Availability of the AFC Document and AFC Supplement Material

The status of the proposed project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/almond>. You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers>.

Copies of the AFC are available for public inspection at the following public libraries:

Ceres Library
2250 Magnolia St.
Ceres, CA 95307

Modesto Library
1500 I St.
Modesto, CA 95354

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Stanislaus County Free Library
2412 3rd St.
Hughson, CA 95326

Keyes Public Library
4420 Maud Ave.
Keyes, CA 95328

CSU Stanislaus Library 112
801 W Monte Vista Ave.
Turlock, CA 95382

Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Eureka, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Fresno, and San Diego. In addition, this information has been shared with those public agencies that would normally have jurisdiction except for the Energy Commission's exclusive authority to certify sites and related facilities.

Sincerely,

Date: _____

Eileen Allen, Manager
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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Hilarie Anderson, declare that on July 28, 2009, I served and filed copies of the attached Notice of Receipt of a Supplement to the AFC, dated July 28, 2009. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: [\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/almond/index.html\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/almond/index.html).

The document has been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit, in the following manner:

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sent electronically to all email addresses on the Proof of Service list;

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sending an original paper copy and one electronic copy, mailed and emailed respectively, to the address below (preferred method);

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Original Signature in Dockets
Hilarie Anderson