

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission

In the Matter of:)
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Application for Certification For the)
TID ALMOND 2 Power Plant Project)
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Docket No. 09-AFC-2

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ALMOND 2 POWER PLANT STATUS REPORT #2

This is the second monthly Status Report for the Almond 2 Power Plant (“A2PP”) project filed by the Turlock Irrigation District (the “District”). The Status Report is being submitted in compliance with the Committee Scheduling Order issued on August 10, 2009, which requested that the parties file monthly status reports to inform the Committee on the progress of the case. This Status Report provides a summary of project licensing activities for the period September 2, 2009 through October 1, 2009.

Data Response and Issues Resolution Workshop

On September 14, 2009, the District filed responses to the Staff’s August 13, 2009 Data Requests in the areas of Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Hazardous Materials, Public Health, Soil and Water Resources, Traffic and Transportation, Transmission System Engineering, Waste Management, and Worker Safety and Fire Protection.¹ A staff query regarding Visual Resources was also filed. A Data Response and Issues Resolution Workshop was held on September 22, 2009 to discuss the responses. At the workshop, additional information was requested in the areas of: Air Quality, Soil and Water, and Traffic and Transportation. The information to be provided is listed below:

- A figure showing the location of the school bus stops closest to the A2PP site;
- A Record of Conversation or email from the EPA confirming that the A2PP does not require a PSD permit;
- Information explaining how the District determined which projects could be excluded from the air quality cumulative impact analysis prepared for the A2PP project;
- A copy of the Turlock Basin Groundwater Management Plan, which provides general information on the Subbasin/Model area, model input values and output, and general subbasin conditions;
- Water balance and hydraulic information for the extraction well located at the City of Ceres Wastewater Treatment Plant; and
- A cost analysis for using the City of Turlock Title 22 water.

¹ The Data Responses were filed on Monday, September 14 because the due date, September 12, fell on a Saturday.

The District is in the process of preparing responses to these Workshop Queries and anticipates that a response package will be submitted the week of October 5, 2009. The only exception may be the confirmation from the EPA regarding the inapplicability of the PSD permit, which may require more time to obtain.

Data Requests Requiring Additional Time to Respond

On September 2, 2009, the District filed a letter requesting additional time to respond to certain Data Requests. Specifically, these requests include:

- Data Request 18 and 19 (Cultural Resources): Provide information on a table listing the installations along the gas pipeline route for which excavations would exceed 4.0 feet (DR-18). Also, provide the geologic age of the sediments of the project site and linear facilities (DR-19);
- Data Request 68 (Soil and Water Resources): Provide a draft Stormwater Pollution and Prevention Plan (“SWPPP”);
- Data Request 72 (Transmission System Engineering): Provide a final System Impact Study; and
- Data Requests 77-79 (Waste Management): Provide a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment or equivalent for the gas pipeline (DR-77). Also, identify the crops that have been grown along the gas pipeline route and history of pesticide use (DR-78). Lastly, provide results of screening and analysis for pesticides or any contaminants of concern along the gas pipeline route (DR-79).

Data Requests 18, 19, 77, 78, and 79 pertain to the gas pipeline. As stated in Status Report #1, the District continues to work with PG&E, who is seeking to optimize the gas pipeline routing to reinforce and improve PG&E’s gas system. The District anticipates providing responses to these Data Requests and information on the gas pipeline routing in October.

Regarding Data Request 68, the District is in the process of preparing a draft SWPPP. The draft SWPPP will address new regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board in early September. The District anticipates submitting the draft SWPPP in October.

Data Request 72 requests that a final System Impact Study be provided. The District’s transmission consultant has prepared a study plan, which details the information to be analyzed in the System Impact Study. The study is currently being prepared and based on the work conducted thus far, the District believes that the A2PP will not cause transmission system impacts or violate reliability standards. It also believes the A2PP will not require mitigation such as the construction of downstream transmission facilities. The District anticipates the System Impact Study will be submitted in October.

CONCLUSION

The District appreciates the work of the Staff in moving the project forward. At this time, the District believes the proceeding scheduling is moving forward satisfactorily.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 1, 2009

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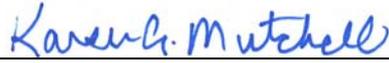
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Karen A. Mitchell, declare that on October 1, 2009, I served the attached *ALMOND 2 POWER PLANT STATUS REPORT #2* via electronic and U.S. mail to all parties on the attached service list.

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



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