

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
PETITION TO MODIFY THE COOLING TOWER
FOR THE WALNUT CREEK ENERGY PARK
(05-AFC-2C)**

DOCKET**05-AFC-2C**DATE Oct. 28 2011RECD. Oct. 28.2011

A petition has been filed with the California Energy Commission by Walnut Creek Energy, LLC, requesting to modify the Walnut Creek Energy Park (WCEP). The 500-megawatt project was certified by the Energy Commission on February 27, 2008, with construction commencing in June 1, 2011. The facility is located approximately at 911 Bixby Drive in the City of Industry, Los Angeles County.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

The modifications in the petition would include the redesign and relocation of the cooling tower. The redesigned tower will be a four cell design with a deck height of 42 feet, 168 feet in length and 36 feet wide. Relocation of the tower will move the cooling tower approximately 11.4 feet south of the previous tower design; locating the tower further away from the facility fence line.

ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF REVIEW AND DETERMINATION

Pursuant to section 1769(a)(2), Title 20, California Code of Regulations, “(w)here staff determines that there is no possibility that the modifications may have a significant effect on the environment, and if the modifications will not result in a change or deletion of a condition adopted by the commission in the final decision or make changes that would cause the project not to comply with any applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, or standards, no commission approval is required...”

Energy Commission staff has determined that approval by the full Commission is not required and the proposed modifications meet the criteria for approval at the staff level 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 Felicia Miller, Compliance Project Manager, at the address shown below:

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Comments may be submitted by fax to (916) 654-3882, or by e-mail at fmiller@energy.state.ca.us. If no substantive objection is received in writing, the requested project modifications will be deemed approved.

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. 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.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Felicia Miller at (916) 654-4640, or by fax or e-mail using the above information.

Date: October 28, 2011

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