

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT
PETITION TO AMEND
THE ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE
PANOCHÉ ENERGY CENTER PROJECT (06-AFC-5C)

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On October 23, 2008, the Panoche Energy Center, LLC, filed a petition with the California Energy Commission requesting to modify the Panoche Energy Center Project. The 400-megawatt project was certified by the Energy Commission on December 19, 2007, and is currently under construction and approximately 60 percent complete. The facility is located in an unincorporated area of western Fresno County, approximately 15 miles southwest of the city of Mendota.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

The modification proposed in the petition would increase the acreage of the existing Panoche substation owned by Pacific Gas and Electric by an additional 6.5 acres. The additional land would accommodate the installation of a new Breaker-and-a-half (BAAH) bus configuration in order to improve the long-term reliability of the substation. The change will require the addition of a Condition of Certification LAND-4.

ENERGY COMMISSION REVIEW PROCEDURES

The purpose of the Energy Commission's review process is to assess the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality, public health and safety. The review process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed changes with the Energy Commission's Decision and if the project, as modified, will remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (Title 20, Calif. Code of Regulations, section 1769). Energy Commission staff is currently analyzing the request and will publish an analysis in the near future. A public hearing for the purpose of approving or denying the amendment proposal will subsequently be held at a regularly scheduled Energy Commission business meeting.

This Notice of Receipt is being mailed to interested parties and property owners adjacent to the project site who may want to participate in the amendment process.

The petition is available on the Energy Commission's website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/panoche/compliance/index.html>. The staff analysis (when published), will also be posted on the website. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the petition and/or staff's analysis, please complete the enclosed Information Request Form and return it to the address shown.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Dale Rundquist, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 651-2072, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at: drundqui@energy.state.ca.us within 14 days of the date of this notice.

For further information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact the Energy Commission Public Adviser, Elena Miller, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at pao@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Susanne Garfield, at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

Date: 11/18/08



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INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE INCREASE OF 6.5 ACRES TO THE EXISTING SUBSTATION.

PLEASE CIRCLE THE DOCUMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE:

- PETITION TO AMEND
- STAFF ANALYSIS
- COMMISSION ORDER

PROJECT: Panoche Energy Center

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