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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT****PETITION TO AMEND****THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION for the
ALMOND 2 POWER PLANT PROJECT (09-AFC-2C)**

On February 22, 2013, the Turlock Irrigation District, owner of the Almond 2 Power Plant, filed a petition with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) requesting to modify provisions in the Almond 2 Power Plant Final Decision (Decision). The approximately 174-megawatt project was certified by the Energy Commission in December of 2010 and began commercial operation in July of 2012. The facility is located in the City of Ceres, in Stanislaus County, California.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

The modifications proposed in the petition would amend Air Quality Conditions of Certification **AQ-41** and **AQ-47**.

- The proposed modification to **AQ-41** would expressly allow startup and shutdown emissions testing every seven years on one of the gas turbines.
- The proposed modification to **AQ-47** would delete the requirement that the fuel flow meter on each gas turbine be “non-resettable and totalizing” to avoid possible inconsistencies with Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, parts 60 and 75.

ENERGY COMMISSION AMENDMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES

The purpose of the Energy Commission’s review process is to assess the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality and on public health and safety. The review process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed changes with the Energy Commission’s Decision and a determination on whether the project, as modified, will remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (Title 20, California 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, denying, or modifying the amendment proposal will 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/almond/amendment_one/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 Bruce Boyer, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 653-7181, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at: Bruce.Boyer@energy.ca.gov

Any person may file written comments on the Petition to Amend. All comments must be in writing and must be sent to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit. Please include the docket number (09-AFC-2C) in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Those submitting comments electronically should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document Format (PDF) to docket@energy.ca.gov. Please include your name or your organization's name in the file name. Those preparing non-electronic written comments should mail or hand-deliver them to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 09-AFC-2C
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

All written comments and all materials filed with the Dockets Unit will become part of the public record of the proceeding. Additionally, comments may be posted to the website.

For further information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact the Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489, or at (800) 822-6228 (toll free in California), or by e-mail at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov. News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMMISSION DECISION TO: AMEND CERTAIN AIR QUALITY AND VISUAL CONDITIONS OF CERTIFICATION

PLEASE CHECK THE DOCUMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE:

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 STAFF ANALYSIS on CD (if available)

PROJECT: Almond 2 Power Plant

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