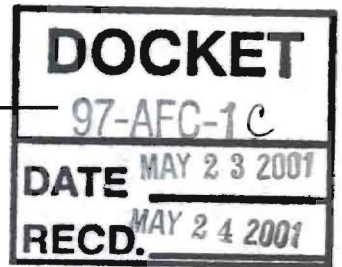


NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-2000
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Project Title: Approval of Request to Change High Desert Power Project
Condition of Certification AQ-3 to Substitute Low Sulfur Fuel
Requirement for Soot Filter Requirement (97-AFC-1C)

Project Location: Located in the City of Victorville, near Highway 395, San Bernardino County, California.

Description of Project: Change conditions of certification to require use of 15 ppm low-sulfur diesel fuel on most diesel construction equipment of 100 bhp or greater instead of requiring soot filters.

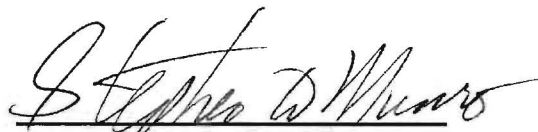
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: High Desert Power Project LLP

Exempt Status: CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061 (b) (3) – The change is an administrative change that has no possibility of any environmental or health and safety impacts.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: Use of 15 ppm low sulfur diesel fuel is at least as effective as soot filters in reducing sulfur emissions.

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