

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT
PETITION TO AMEND
THE ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE
HIGH DESERT POWER PROJECT (97-AFC-1C)

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High Desert Power Project, LLC (project owner) filed a petition dated August 12, 2008, with the California Energy Commission requesting to modify conditions of certification in the Energy Commission Decision for the project. The 830 megawatt High Desert Power Project facility was certified by the Energy Commission on May 3, 2000, and began commercial operation on April 22, 2003. The facility is located in the City of Victorville, San Bernardino County.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

The petition requests the following:

Modify Condition of Certification SOIL& WATER-1 to remove the requirement that prohibits HDPP from using reclaimed water in the project's cooling system which could lead to a transition from the current use of fresh water from the State Water Project to use of local reclaimed water from the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority.

Modify Condition of Certification SOIL& WATER-4d to reduce the project's water banking requirement to reflect a one-to-one reduction in the amount of State Water Project Water required to be injected into the regional groundwater aquifer for each acre-foot of reclaimed water used for project cooling. This reduction would be based on the projected amount of reclaimed water to be used by the project in the coming year. The project owner states that the environmental impact of the changes would not be significant.

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 next several weeks. 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 facility 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/highdesert/compliance/index.html>. The staff analysis (when published), will also be posted on the website. If you would like to receive a hard

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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 Steve Munro, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-3936, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at: smunro@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's Office, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at pao@energy.state.ca.us. If you require special accommodations, please contact Lourdes Quiroz at (916) 654-5146. News media inquiries should be directed to the media office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail to mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

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