May 28, 2013

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SUBJECT: LA PALOMA GENERATING PROJECT, 98-AFC-2C
APPROVAL OF REQUESTED MODIFICATIONS TO INSTALL INLET FOGGERS

Dear Mr. Witherow:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1769(a), California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff reviewed your petition dated February 6, 2013, requesting modifications, including the installation and use of inlet foggers at the La Paloma Generating Project to further cool the inlet air on hot days. The purpose of the proposed foggers is to recover lost generating capacity on hot days when the combustion turbines are not able to operate at their full firing rate.

A Notice of Receipt was mailed to the Energy Commission’s post-certification project mailing list on March 13, 2013. Staff then determined that the petition met the criteria of section 1769(a)(2) and mailed a Notice of Determination to the Energy Commission’s post-certification project mailing list on May 6, 2013. Energy Commission staff did not receive any public comments regarding the requested project change within the 14-day public review period as specified in section 1769(a)(2). Therefore, your requested modification to the La Paloma Generating Project to install inlet foggers is approved.

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 651-8891, or send an e-mail to me at mary.dyas@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Mary Dyas
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cc: Energy Commission Dockets