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NOTICE OF RECEIPT
PETITION TO AMEND THE ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION
for the
ELK HILLS POWER PROJECT
(99-AFC-1C)

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On June 22, 2010, the California Energy Commission received a petition from Elk Hills Power, LLC, (EHP) requesting approval to amend the Energy Commission Decision for the Elk Hills Power Project (EHPP) to update PM10 emission limits for consistency with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) Authority to Construct Permits that were issued May 26, 2010 for the cooling towers and the pending modification of the respective Title V Permits to Operate. The District issued a Determination of Compliance regarding the proposed modifications on May 13, 2010. The EHPP, a 550-megawatt combined cycle facility, was certified by the Energy Commission in December 2000 and began commercial operation in July 2003. The facility is located in the middle of Occidental's Elk Hills oil and gas field, which is about 25 miles west of Bakersfield, CA, in Kern County.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

This petition addresses the need to update cooling tower PM10 emission limits due to increased Total Dissolved Solid (TDS) levels in the incoming water supply from the California Aqueduct. The updating of the PM10 emission limits will ensure consistency with the SJVAPCD Authority to Construct and the pending modifications to the Title V Permits to Operate. Specifically, the petition is requesting the following:

- To change the daily PM10 emission limits for the cooling tower specified in Condition of Certification AQ-50. This request is due to the increase in total dissolved solids (TDS) in the source water supply.
- To reduce the annual permitted PM10 emission limit specified in Condition of Certification AQ-18. This request is for the two gas turbines so the requested increase in PM10 annual emissions associated with the cooling tower does not increase overall emissions from the source.
- To allow a change in permit condition wording in Condition of Certification AQ-57. This request is for the diesel-fired internal combustion engine used to drive a fire water pump for consistency with District.

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, 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. If you wish to be removed from the EHPP mailing list, please check the box on the enclosed form and return it to the address shown.

The petition is available on the Energy Commission's website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/elkhills/compliance/index.html>. The staff analysis (when published), will also be posted on the website. If you would like to receive a hard copy or CD 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 Mary Dyas, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 651-8891, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at: mdyas@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 publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ELK HILLS POWER PROJECT ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION TO MODIFY PM10 EMISSION LIMITS.

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- STAFF ANALYSIS
- COMMISSION ORDER

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