

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

1516 NINTH STREET
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-5512**NOTICE OF INSIGNIFICANT PROJECT CHANGE
TO MODIFY WATER SUPPLY LINE FOR THE
ELK HILLS POWER PROJECT (99-AFC-1C)**

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DATE	MAR 20 2008
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On March 18, 2008, Elk Hills Power filed a petition with the California Energy Commission requesting to modify the Elk Hills Power Project (EHPP). EHPP is a nominal 500 MW natural gas-fired, combined-cycle power plant located at the intersection of Elk Hills and Skyline Roads, approximately 25 miles west of Bakersfield, in Kern County. The power plant was certified in December 2000, and it commenced commercial operation in July 2003.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

The proposed project changes, if approved, would allow EHPP to perform minor modifications to approximately 1,200 feet of the water line serving the plant at a location roughly four miles southeast of the project. The modifications include replacing about 22 pipe support footings and moving the water supply line no more than 12 feet south of the existing line. The petition is available on the Energy Commission's website at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/elkhills/compliance/index.html>

ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF REVIEW AND DETERMINATION

Pursuant to section 1769(a)(2), Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Energy Commission approval of the project modification is not required if Energy Commission staff determines that:

- There is no possibility that the modifications may have a significant effect on the environment, and
- The modifications will not result in a change to or deletion of a condition of certification, or make changes that would cause the project not to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, or standards (LORS).

Energy Commission staff has determined that the proposed modifications meet these criteria because:

- The modifications will not have the possibility of any significant effect on the environment.
- Existing conditions of certification are sufficient to cover the proposed modifications without changes to, or deletions of, any conditions of certification; and
- The project as modified will maintain full compliance with applicable LORS.
- The project owner will follow Conditions of Certification BIO-8, CUL-1, CUL-4, CUL-7 and WASTE-4

Any person may file a written objection to staff's determination within 14 days of service of this notice on the grounds that the project modification does not meet the criteria set forth in Section 1769(a)(2). All objections must be in writing and must be sent either by U.S. mail,

e-mail, or other document delivery service to Ron Yasny, Compliance Project Manager, at the address shown below:

California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street, MS 2000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comments may be submitted by fax to (916) 654-3882, or by e-mail at ryasny@energy.state.ca.us. If no substantive objection is received in writing by 5:00 p.m. on 04/05/2008 the requested project modifications will be deemed approved, and a description of the change will be placed in the project file.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Ron Yasny at (916) 651-1227, or by fax or e-mail using the above information.

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. News media inquiries should be directed to Suzanne Garfield, at (916) 653-0390, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

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