## Notice of Decision by the Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission of the State of California

To <u>X</u> California Natural Resources Agency 1416 9th Street, Room 1311 Sacramento, CA 95814 From: California Energy Commission 1516 9th Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with California Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 and Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Section 1768

**Project Name: Mariposa Energy Project (MEP)** 

Energy Commission Docket Number: 09-AFC-3C

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**Project Location:** Unincorporated northeastern Alameda County, near the community of Mountain House.

**Project Description:** MEP is a 200-megawatt (MW) simple-cycle generating facility consisting of four General Electric Energy LM6000 natural-gas-fired combustion turbine generators and associated equipment. The project was certified by the California Energy Commission on May 18, 2011, and began commercial operation in October, 2012.

**Modification Description:** The petition requests to increase the maximum allowable hourly and daily fuel/heat throughput rates for the MEP combustion turbines from 481 Million Metric British thermal units (MMBtu)/hour/turbine to 500 MMBtu/hour/turbine, and the maximum allowable daily fuel/heat throughput from 11,544 MMBtu/day/turbine to 12,000 MMBtu/day/turbine. The allowable annual fuel throughput would remain unchanged.

The proposed modification would not result in exceeding emissions limits and only change Conditions of Certification AQ-12 and AQ-13 in regard to heat rate.

The proposed change will allow MEP turbines to increase project output by 4 MW and meet their power purchase agreement requirements as operating conditions change over the life of the facility.

**Energy Commission Decision:** On June 12, 2013, the California Energy Commission approved the above-described project modification pursuant to a regulatory program certified by the California Secretary of Natural Resources under Section 21080.5 of the California Public Resources Code.

- 1. With mitigation, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment;
- 2. Mitigation measures were made conditions of approval of the project;
- 3. The project is in compliance with all laws, ordinances, regulations and standards; and
- 4. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for the project.

The Energy Commission docket files containing the final Commission Decision and other information regarding the project are available to the public at: California Energy Commission, 1516 9th Street, Sacramento, California, 95814. This and other information regarding the project are also available on the Commission's web page for the MEP located at http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/mariposa.html.

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