

DOCKETED

Docket Number:	01-AFC-07C
Project Title:	01-AFC-7C Russell City Energy Company
TN #:	201577
Document Title:	City of Hayward Letter - Objection to Approval of VIS-10 Amendment
Description:	N/A
Filer:	Bruce Boyer
Organization:	City of Hayward/ A. Ameri
Submitter Role:	Public Agency
Submission Date:	1/21/2014 1:06:17 PM
Docketed Date:	1/21/2014



CITY OF
HAYWARD
HEART OF THE BAY

January 17, 2014

California Energy Commission
Dockets Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 01-AFC-7C
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: Docket Number 01-AFC-7C – Petition to Amend Condition of Certification VIS-10 Requirements: Objection to Approval

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Hayward urges the Commission not to approve modifications to VIS-10 requirements, relative to Amendment No. 4 for the above docket number, pending City review and comment. These requirements were established to mitigate the visual impacts of the facility.

RCEC has not yet provided the City with an updated proposal for mitigating visual impacts, and to our knowledge, the CEC staff has not yet issued its analysis of the request. Given that the visual enhancements will have significant impacts on our community, we believe it is important and appropriate for the Hayward City Council to have an opportunity to review the proposed mitigations and offer comments and suggestions prior to CEC consideration.

VIS-10 in its present form requires the planting of trees along the west side of the warehouse and industrial park complexes that line the eastern edge of the shoreline wetlands. The California Energy Commission (CEC) staff determined that this condition is necessary to mitigate visual impacts from three of five key observation points: the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center; the Hayward Shoreline Footbridge at Cogswell Marsh; and State Route 92 at the Toll Plaza. RCEC has proposed alternative off-site visual enhancement measures. Consideration of the requested amendment to VIS-10 was delayed by the CEC in order to obtain additional information from the RCEC regarding feasible alternatives to the original landscaping requirements.

We respectfully urge the Commission not to approve amendments to Condition VIS-10 until the City has reviewed and provided comments on the proposed new measures. Please contact me at 510-583-4720, or by email at alex.ameri@hayward-ca.gov, with any questions or additional clarification needed.

Sincerely,

Alex Ameri

Director of Public Works-Utilities & Environmental Services

cc: Mayor and City Council
Fran David, City Manager
David Rizk, Director of Development Services

Department of Public Works - Utilities & Environmental Services

777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541-5007
Tel: 510-583-4700 • Fax: 510-583-3610 • TDD: 510-247-3340 • Website: www.hayward-ca.gov