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I declare that The Alameda Times-Star is a newspaper of general circulation as defined by the laws of the State of California as determined by this court's order, dated September, 17, 1951, in the action entitled In the Matter of the Ascertainment and Establishment of the Standing of The Alameda Times-Star as a Newspaper of General Circulation, Case Number 236092. Said order states that "The Alameda Times-Star is a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Alameda, and the County of Alameda, and the State of California, within the meaning and intent of Chapter 1, Division 7, Title 1 [§§ 6000 et seq.] of the Government Code of the State of California." Said order has not been revoked, vacated or set aside.

I declare that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

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I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Rio Vista, California.
On this 11th day of October, 2024.


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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF AN OPT-IN CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FOR POTENTIA-VIRIDI BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM

On August 7, 2024, California Energy Commission (CEC) staff confirmed receipt of an application from Levy Alameda, LLC (Applicant), for certification from the CEC through the Opt-in process for the Potentia-Viridi Battery Energy Storage System (project) (24-OPT-04). The 400-megawatt (MW) battery energy storage system (BESS) project is proposed on approximately 85 acres in unincorporated eastern Alameda County at 17257 Patterson Pass Road, southwest of Interstate 580 and Interstate 205. This notice of receipt of the application is published pursuant to Public Resources Code, sections 25519, subdivision (g) and 25545.8.

Project Description

The primary components of the proposed project include an up to 3,200-megawatt-hour (MWh) BESS facility, an operations and maintenance (O&M) building, a project substation, a 500-kilovolt (kV) overhead intertie transmission (gen-tie) line, and interconnection facilities within the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) owned and operated Tesla Substation. The project would be composed of lithium-iron phosphate batteries, or similar technology batteries, with proven safety and performance records, available at the time of procurement. Electric energy would be transferred from the existing power grid to charge project batteries and store electrical energy and discharge back to the power grid when the stored energy is needed. The project would be interconnected to the regional electrical transmission grid via an approximately 2,884-foot-long new single-circuit 500-kV gen-tie line within a 200-foot-wide corridor between the project substation and the existing PG&E Tesla Substation. The gen-tie line would extend southeast from the project substation, crossing Patterson Pass Rd, and then proceed east to the Tesla Substation. The Applicant entered into a Large Generator Interconnection Agreement with the California Independent System Operator and PG&E on October 31, 2022. The Project Description (TN 258016) section of the application can be accessed directly at the following link: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=258016&DocumentContentId=93945>.

CEC Jurisdiction and Opt-In Certification Program

Pursuant to state law, the CEC has established a certification program for eligible non-fossil fueled power plants, energy storage facilities, and related facilities to optionally seek certification from the CEC. (See Pub. Resources Code, §§ 25545-25545.13; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, §§ 1875-1882.) Under the Opt-In Certification Program, among the types of facilities the CEC can certify are energy storage facilities of 200 MWh or more and the electric transmission lines from these facilities to the first point of interconnection with any electrical transmission system. The CEC is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act and is required to prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) for any facility that elects to opt-in to the CEC's jurisdiction.

With exceptions, the issuance of a certificate by the CEC for an eligible facility is in lieu of any permit, certificate, or similar document required by any state, local, or regional agency or federal agency to the extent permitted by federal law, for the use of the site and related facilities, and supersedes any applicable statute, ordinance, or regulation of any state, local, or regional agency or federal agency to the extent permitted by federal law. The CEC is required to make its decision on whether to certify the project within 270 days of receiving a complete application except as provided in Public Resources Code section 25545.4. The CEC is required to consult with all responsible and trustee agencies on the scope and content of the EIR. The CEC staff has begun its review of the application and transmitted the application to responsible and trustee agencies.

The application has not been deemed complete at this time. Once the application is deemed complete, the CEC staff will evaluate the proposed project, consult with California Native American tribes, and host public meetings in the project area. This will include an informational and public scoping meeting during the development of the EIR, as well as a public meeting during the 60-day comment period on the Draft EIR, which will be included as part of the CEC's Staff Assessment of the application. After the conclusion of the public comment period, the CEC Staff will publish an updated Staff Assessment (which will include a Final EIR), and the CEC Executive Director's recommendation on whether the CEC should certify the EIR and issue a certificate for construction and operation of the proposed project. The updated Staff Assessment and Executive Director's recommendation will be published at least 30 days before the CEC's consideration at a public meeting.

At the final public meeting, the CEC will formally decide whether to certify the EIR and grant a certification for construction and operation of the proposed project. Should the certification be granted, other agencies that retain their permitting authorities must take final action on any additional permits within 90 days of the CEC issuing a certificate. General information about the Opt-In Certification Program can be found on the CEC website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/power-plants/opt-certification-program>.

Public Participation

The CEC welcomes public participation in the Opt-In review process. A copy of the Opt-In application as well as other project information, can be found on the CEC website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/power-plant/battery-storage-system/potentia-viridi-battery-energy-storage-system>. To stay informed about this project and receive notice of upcoming meetings and workshops, sign up to the project's email subscription, which can be accessed on the same project webpage. Once enrolled, automatic email notifications are sent when documents and notices are posted to the project webpage. This notice will be the only general public notification of this project that will appear in this publication. If you want to participate in the project review and decision-making process, please visit the web page linked above to subscribe for free email notifications from the CEC or contact the Public Advisor's Office (see contact info below).

For questions about the project, please contact Ann Crisp, project manager, by email at ann.crisp@energy.ca.gov.

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