



March 26, 2001

Mr. Samuel Wehn, Director
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SUBJECT: Pastoria Energy Facility (99-AFC-7C)
Approval of Project Change
SOIL & WATER 5, Back-up Water Supply Clarification

Dear Mr. Wehn:

California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff reviewed your petition dated March 16, 2001, requesting that Condition of Certification SOIL & WATER 5 be modified to clarify the source of the back-up water supply to serve the Pastoria Energy Facility. As directed by Governor's Executive Order D-25-01, concerning post-certification amendments, we have expedited review of this proposed project modification because the statutes and implementing regulations that normally apply to review and approval of this amendment have been suspended. A copy of this letter will be posted on the Energy's Commission website at www.energy.ca.gov, and we will file a California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse.

Energy Commission staff concluded that modification of the December 20, 2000 Commission Decision for the Pastoria Energy Facility (99-AFC-7C), Condition of Certification SOIL & WATER 5, *as specified below*, has no potential for adverse environmental or public health and safety impacts and is approved as follows (eliminated text is shown in ~~strikeout~~ and new text is shown in underline):

“SOIL & WATER 5: Water used for project operation shall be SWP water as obtained from the WRMWSD excess water sold through the district's pool or ~~Westside's groundwater~~ banked water from KWB that is directly delivered or exchanged for SWP surface water. If no such water is available, the PEF will not operate until such time as the Energy Commission has approved an amendment allowing for the use of an alternative supply or cooling technology.

Verification: The project owner, in the annual compliance report, shall provide a water accounting summary that states the source and quantity of water used at PEF on a monthly basis. The report shall indicate whether the water is obtained through the ~~WRM's~~ WRMWSD's district pool, direct pumping of KWB ~~groundwater~~ banked water for delivery to PEF or the result of surface water exchanges.”

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If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Tronaas, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-3864, or by e-mail at ntronaas@energy.state.ca.us.

Sincerely,

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