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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP****STAFF'S ANALYSIS OF BOTTLE ROCK LLC'S PETITION TO AMEND  
THE BOTTLE ROCK GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANT PROJECT (79-AFC-4C)**

The workshop will be held:  
**Starting at 9:30A.M. on Friday, October 4, 2013**

The workshop will be held at:  
**California Energy Commission  
First Floor, Hearing Room B  
1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512  
(wheelchair accessible, map attached)**

To participate or monitor the workshop by computer or telephone:

WebEx call-in toll-free number: **1-866-469-3239**

WebEx meeting number: **920 164 670**

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**PURPOSE**

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff will hold a workshop in Sacramento at 9:30 AM on October 4, 2013, to discuss the recently completed staff analysis for the Bottle Rock Power, LLC's (BRP) March 8, 2013, Petition to Amend (Petition). The workshop is designed to give interested parties, interested agencies, and the public, an opportunity to discuss the Petition and the Staff Analysis, and to give the parties an opportunity to work toward resolving any outstanding issues pertaining to these matters.

Technical or schedule questions should be directed to Camille Remy Obad, Compliance Project Manager for the Bottle Rock Geothermal Power project at (916) 654-3940, or email her at [camille.remy-obad@energy.ca.gov](mailto:camille.remy-obad@energy.ca.gov).

**BACKGROUND**

Located in the unincorporated area of Cobb Mountain in Lake County, California, the Bottle Rock Geothermal Power Plant (BRPP) was permitted as a 55 megawatt (MW) power plant on November 5, 1980. The BRPP began supplying power in 1985, but operations were suspended in 1990 due to poor steam supply. In December 2006, facility ownership was transferred to BRP, the plant was upgraded and reopened, and is currently generating about 10 MW.

On October 11, 2012, David Coleman filed a complaint against BRP alleging BRP violated its Energy Commission conditions of certification, in part, by canceling a \$5

million closure bond. On February 6, 2013, the Energy Commission sustained the complaint and ordered reinstatement of the \$5 million closure bond, unless BRP filed a petition to amend by March 8, 2013. The Order also required preparation of an engineering study establishing the costs of decommissioning the Bottle Rock Power Plant.<sup>1</sup>

On March 8, 2013, BRP filed their Petition requesting the addition of on-site contingency planning to their existing conditions of certification, changes to their closure planning conditions of certification and an alternative method for estimating closure costs and providing financial assurances. BRP also filed an initial decommissioning cost estimate of approximately \$2.529 million on April 15, 2013, and amended the estimate to approximately \$1.974 million on July 29, 2013. Staff prepared and filed a staff analysis of the Petition and cost estimates on September 6, 2013.

### **SUMMARY OF THE STAFF ANALYSIS**

Staff's recommendations in the September 6, 2013, staff analysis include updating BRP's 1983 General Provisions to reflect present day compliance and closure conditions of certification, including:

1. Reinstatement of the closure surety bond with an initial obligation amount of \$4.13 million;
2. Submittal of a provisional closure plan and estimate of permanent closure costs within 60 days of the Energy Commission's decision on BRP's March 8, 2013 Petition;
3. Triennial updates to the provisional closure plan and estimate of permanent closure costs; and
4. Maintenance of a \$10 million environmental impairment liability insurance policy.

### **ATTENDANCE BY THE ENERGY COMMISSION'S PUBLIC ADVISER'S OFFICE**

A representative of the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office may attend the workshop and be available to address any questions regarding opportunities for public involvement in the Energy Commission's project review process.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

If you desire more information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the staff analysis, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser at (916) 653-5898, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at:

[publicadviser@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadviser@energy.ca.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> The Energy Commission Order conditioned the stay of the bond reinstatement requirement as follows: "Filing of this surety bond shall be stayed if Bottle Rock Power, LLC, files a petition to amend the bond requirement on or before March 8, 2013. This stay shall last for no more than one hundred twenty (120) days, but may be extended for good cause..." Subsequently, BRP petitioned, and the Energy Commission agreed, to stay the bond reinstatement requirements until the Energy Commission's final decision on the Petition.

To request special accommodations for those persons with disabilities, please contact Lourdes Quiroz, the Energy Commission's Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, at [lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov](mailto:lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov), or by telephone (916) 654-5146. Those persons with limited English skills may also contact Lourdes Quiroz.

If you wish to provide comments on the amendment, please submit comments to the Energy Commission using the Energy Commission's e-commenting feature by going to the Energy Commission's Bottle Rock Geothermal Power Plant webpage <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/bottlerock/> and click on the "Submit e-Comment" link. A full name, e-mail address, comment title, and either a comment or an attached document (.doc, .docx, or .pdf format) is mandatory. After entering CAPTCHA (a challenge-response test used by the system to ensure that responses are generated by a human user and not a computer), click on the "Agree & Submit Your Comment" button to submit the comment to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit. If you are preparing non-electronic written comments, please mail or hand deliver them to:

California Energy Commission  
Dockets Unit, MS-14  
Docket No. 79-AFC-4C  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

All comments and materials filed with the Dockets Unit will become a part of the public record of the proceeding. Additionally, your comments will be posted on the Energy Commission's BRPP webpage.

To obtain additional information about the Bottle Rock Geothermal Power project, you can subscribe to receive email notification of all announcements and meeting notices at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listserves>.

The status of the amendment and electronic copy of the Petition, staff reports, copies of notices, data requests and responses, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/bottlerock>.

News media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Media and Public Communications at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov).

Date: September 13, 2013

Sincerely,

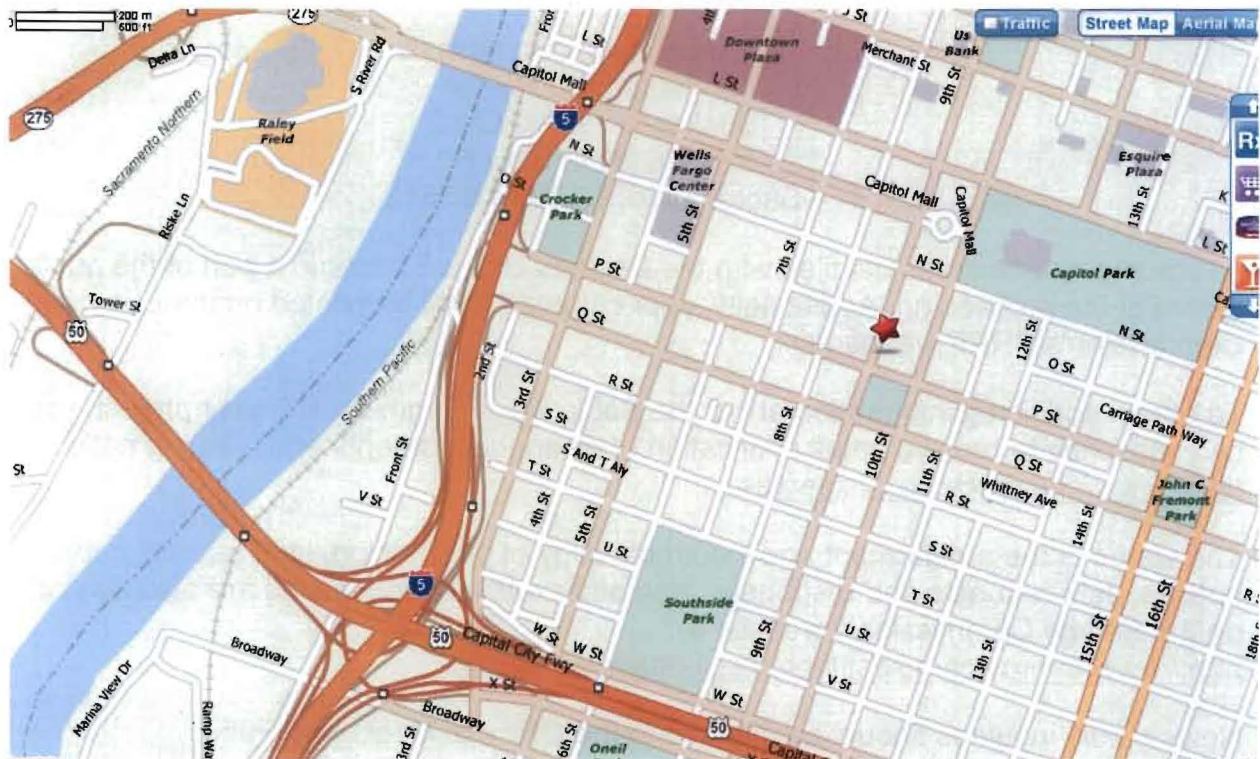
  
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ROGER E. JOHNSON, Deputy Director  
Siting, Transmission and Environmental  
Protection Division

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