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BEFORE THE
ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of,)
) Docket No. 79-AFC-04C
)
Petition to Amend the Bottle)
Rock Geothermal Power Plant)
Decision)

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
HEARING ROOM A
1516 NINTH STREET
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013

2:10 P.M.

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APPEARANCES

Commissioners

Janea Scott, Associate Member

Hearing Officer, Advisors Present

Paul Kramer, Hearing Officer

Jennifer Nelson, Advisor to Commissioner Douglas

Lezlie Kimura-Szeto, Advisor to Commissioner Scott

CEC Staff Present

Camille Remy-Obad, Compliance Project Manager

Public Adviser's Office

Blake Roberts

Parties and Interested Agencies

Robert Francisco, Project Landowner (WebEx)

Public

Michael Moore, Altarock Power (WebEx)

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 NOVEMBER 19, 2013

2:10 P.M.

3 HEARING OFFICER KRAMER: This is Paul Kramer,
4 the Hearing Officer for the Bottle Rock Amendment
5 Committee, opening up our delayed -- and again we
6 apologize that another hearing before this caused us to
7 delay the start of this conference by about two hours.
8 But we're here and we're ready to go.

9 So, let me -- I'll just note for the record who
10 is present in the room. We have Commissioner Scott, her
11 advisor Lezlie Kimura-Szeto, and our Public Adviser
12 Blake Roberts.

13 And then from the staff we have Camille Remy-
14 Obad. And Jennifer Nelson, Commissioner Douglas's
15 Advisor has just joined us. And that's the extent of
16 the people in the room here.

17 So, does anyone on the telephone wish to
18 identify yourselves? You don't have to, but if you'd
19 like to please do so at this point.

20 MR. FRANCISCO: I'm Robert Francisco.

21 HEARING OFFICER KRAMER: Okay, anyone else?

22 MR. MOORE: My name is Michael Moore, I'm with
23 Altarock Energy.

24 HEARING OFFICER KRAMER: What's the name of the
25 company, Michael?

1 MR. MOORE: Altarock, A-l-t-a-r-o-c-k, Energy.

2 HEARING OFFICER KRAMER: Is that one word?

3 MR. MOORE: It is one word, yes.

4 HEARING OFFICER KRAMER: Okay, thank you.

5 Anyone else want to identify themselves?

6 Okay, the purpose of this hearing is, for the
7 most part, for the Committee to conduct a closed session
8 to deliberate after their hearing they held last night
9 in Cobb.

10 But the agenda also includes, as the Opening
11 Meeting Act requires, an opportunity for the public to
12 provide comments. And I know that Mr. Francisco, for
13 one, wants to provide a public comment.

14 So, let's let him go first and then we'll see if
15 anyone else on the phone wishes to provide us a public
16 comment.

17 So, go ahead, sir, please take --

18 MR. FRANCISCO: Hello, my name is Robert
19 Francisco and I represent the family that owns the
20 property and the mineral rights at Bottle Rock.

21 And I just wanted to speak. I'm a retired
22 mechanical engineer. I worked for DWR and Department of
23 Health Services.

24 And I wanted to speak a little bit to salvage
25 value. It's common to allow for salvage value of

1 equipment in any kind of engineering analysis. And the
2 equipment at Bottle Rock truly has only been used for 10
3 years and it probably has a life of, probably, anywhere
4 from 30 to 50 years.

5 Anyway, I would like the Commission to please
6 consider allowing the use salvage value for the
7 equipment at Bottle Rock.

8 And that's all I have to say, thank you.

9 HEARING OFFICER KRAMER: Okay, thank you.

10 Does anyone else on the telephone wish to give a
11 public comment?

12 Okay, hearing none, the Committee is going to go
13 into Closed Session. We'll adjourn to a Closed Session
14 in accordance with Government Code section 11126(cv)(3),
15 which allows a State body, including a delegated
16 committee, such as this, to hold a Closed Session to
17 deliberate on the decision to be reached in a proceeding
18 the State body was required by law to conduct.

19 So, we will go off to a Closed Session. We will
20 return to this room when we are completed. Our
21 expectation is and pretty much our determination that we
22 will not announce any decisions at the conclusion of the
23 Closed Session, but what is likely to happen is that the
24 Committee will provide me, the Hearing Officer, some
25 instructions about what to include in a draft decision

1 that they will then review and, at some point, issue.

2 People have asked about -- several people have
3 asked about the possible timing of a decision. It may
4 come as early as next week, in time to allow the
5 decision to be considered by the full Energy Commission
6 at its December meeting.

7 But if there are any significant issues or
8 snags, then it may come somewhat later and may have to
9 be considered at a subsequent Commission meeting.

10 So, you'll know because when the decision, the
11 proposed decision that is comes out, it will be
12 accompanied by a Notice of Availability, which will most
13 likely also tell you when it's going to be considered by
14 the Commission at its Business Meeting.

15 So with that, we are going to adjourn to a
16 Closed Session and we will return within the next hour
17 or two to adjourn this meeting. Thank you all.

18 The WebEx will remain open while we are in
19 Closed Session, so you're free to stay on the line or
20 call back a little later, if you'd like.

21 MR. FRANCISCO: Thank you.

22 (Thereupon, the Committee adjourned to
23 Closed Session at 2:16 p.m.)

24 HEARING OFFICER KRAMER: Okay, folks, this is
25 Paul Kramer back from the Closed Session of the Bottle

1 Rock Amendment Committee.

2 We're on the record?

3 I'm here in a room that is devoid of anybody in
4 the audience, except for our court reporter. And I see
5 we have a couple people on the telephone. So, I'm here
6 simply to report that the Committee has given me
7 direction as far as preparing a draft proposed decision
8 that they will then review, and at some point in the
9 near future issue.

10 And the next step in the process will be for
11 that proposed decision to be considered by the full
12 Energy Commission for adoption, or modification, or
13 rejection.

14 So, look either on the website or via the
15 project list serve, or if you're on the proof of service
16 list in your e-mail for a notice of the availability of
17 that decision, and notice of the Business Meeting at
18 which it will be considered.

19 So with that the Committee meeting or Committee
20 Conference is adjourned. And we're off the record.
21 Thank you.

22 (Whereupon, the Committee Conference was
23 adjourned at 3:27 p.m.)

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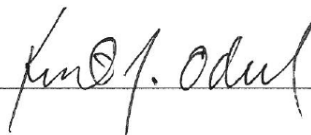
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