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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT  
PETITION TO AMEND  
THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE  
GWF HANFORD COMBINED-CYCLE POWER PROJECT (01-EP-7C)**

On March 24, 2014, GWF Energy, L.L.C. (GWF) filed a petition with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) requesting the revocation of the Amended Final Decision (Amended License) for the GWF Hanford Combined-Cycle Power Project and the extension of the original license for the Hanford Energy Park Emergency Peaker project (Original License).

On January 17, 2001, Governor Gray Davis proclaimed a State of Emergency due to constraints on electricity supplies in California. The Governor declared that all reasonable conservation, allocation, and service restriction measures would not alleviate an energy supply emergency. As a result, the Governor issued Executive Orders D-22-01, D-24-01, D-25-01, D-26-01, and D-28-01 to expedite the permitting of peaking and renewable power plants that were to be on line by September 30, 2001.

The Governor also declared that these projects were emergency projects under Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(4), and were thereby exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Hanford Energy Park Emergency Peaker Project (HEPP) was originally certified by the Energy Commission in its Decision on April 26, 2001. The facility began commercial operation as a simple-cycle generator on September 2, 2001. The HEPP is a 95-megawatt, natural-gas fired, simple-cycle peaking facility on 5 acres of the 10-acre parcel owned by GWF in Kings Industrial Park on the southern border of the City of Hanford in Kings County.

The Energy Commission decisions for the emergency peaker projects included a provision that would allow for the certification of the projects to be extended provided that the conditions of certification were current, the project was in compliance with all conditions of certification, the project was permanent, and air emission credits were in place.

An amendment to modify the HEPP to a combined-cycle, natural gas-fired, 120-megawatt facility was approved by the Energy Commission on March 24, 2010. GWF began construction of the conversion in June, 2011, based on a limited Notice to Proceed. However, the expected demand for additional combined-cycle generation did not materialize. GWF suspended the conversion of the project and continues to operate the facility in simple-cycle mode in compliance with its Original License.

## **DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION**

GWF has now determined that it intends to continue operating the project in simple-cycle mode for the foreseeable future. Therefore, GWF is requesting that the Energy Commission revoke the Amended License and reinstate the Original License.

In addition, since the Original License was not included in the April 11, 2012 Commission Order related to the extension of the licenses of eight other emergency peaker projects, but was instead extended via the Amended License, GWF is also requesting that the Energy Commission affirm that the Original License is extended for the life of the HEPP, notwithstanding revocation of the Amended License. GWF will continue to operate the HEPP in compliance with the Original License, as it has since the project came on line in 2001.

## **ENERGY COMMISSION AMENDMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES**

The purpose of the Energy Commission's review process is to assess the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality and on public health and safety. The review process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed changes with the Energy Commission's Decision and a determination on whether the facility, as modified, would remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (20 Cal. Code of Regs., § 1769). Energy Commission staff is currently analyzing the request and will publish an analysis in the near future. A public hearing for the purpose of approving, denying, or modifying the amendment proposal will be held at a regularly scheduled Energy Commission business meeting.

The Energy Commission's webpage for this facility, <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/peakers/hanford/>, has a link to the amendment petition in the shaded box on the right side of the webpage labeled, "Compliance Proceeding." Click on the "Documents for this Proceeding (Docket Log)" option. The Staff Analysis, when completed, will also be available through a link on this webpage.

This Notice of Receipt has been mailed to the Commission's facility mail list of interested parties and property owners adjacent to the facility site. It has also been e-mailed to the facility listserv. The listserv is an automated Energy Commission e-mail system by which information about this facility is e-mailed to all parties who have subscribed. To subscribe, go to the Commission's webpage for this facility, cited above, scroll down to the shaded blue box on the right side of the project's webpage, labeled "Subscribe," and provide the requested contact information.

Any person may comment on the petition. To use the Energy Commission's electronic commenting feature, go to the Energy Commission's webpage for this facility, cited above, click on the "Submit e-Comment" link, and provide the required information in the form: Your full name, e-mail address, the comment Title, and either a comment or an attached document. The comment Title should be "[Your Name]'s Comments re: Hanford Energy Park Emergency Peaker Petition." Type your comments into the "Comment Text" field, or upload and attach a document with your comments. The maximum upload file size is 10MB, and only .doc, .docx, or .pdf attachments will be

accepted. Enter the CAPTCHA that is used to prevent spamming. Then click on the "Agree and Submit your Comments" button to submit your comments to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit for review. When your comments are approved and docketed, you will receive an e-mail with a link to them.

Written comments may also be mailed or hand-delivered to:

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Dockets Unit, MS-4  
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All comments and materials filed with and approved by the Dockets Unit will be added to the facility Docket Log and become publicly accessible on the Energy Commission's webpage for the facility.

If you have questions about this Notice, please contact Mary Dyas, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 651-8891, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at [Mary.Dyas@energy.ca.gov](mailto:Mary.Dyas@energy.ca.gov).

For information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the proposed modification to the Hanford Decision, call (800) 822-6228 (toll-free in California). The Public Adviser's Office can also be contacted via e-mail at [publicadviser@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadviser@energy.ca.gov). News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov).

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