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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT
PETITION TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR
COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE
BLACK ROCK 1, 2, AND 3 GEOTHERMAL POWER PROJECT (02-AFC-2C)**

On June 11, 2014, the CE Obsidian L.L.C. (CE Obsidian) filed a petition with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) requesting to extend the deadline to commence construction for the Black Rock 1, 2, and 3 Geothermal Power Project. The 159-megawatt facility was certified by the Energy Commission in its revised Decision on November 14, 2011, and is expected to begin construction as soon as a power purchase agreement is approved by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The facility will be located near the Salton Sea, in Imperial County, California.

The petition proposes to extend the deadline to commence construction from December 18, 2014, to December 18, 2019. The primary challenges involved that have delayed project progress have been the resolution of electrical transmission issues with the Imperial Irrigation District (IID), and obtaining a power purchase agreement (PPA).

CE Obsidian maintains an assigned generator interconnection agreement with IID and is actively pursuing a transmission service agreement with IID, as well as a PPA for the sale of electricity from the Black Rock 1, 2, and 3 Geothermal Power Project. CE Obsidian is participating in a selection process by three separate investor-owned utilities. This process may take several years to reach a signed agreement, after which CE Obsidian will submit the contract to the CPUC for approval. CE Obsidian does not expect to close on project financing until the CPUC approves the PPA. CPUC approval is expected toward the end of 2017.

ENERGY COMMISSION REVIEW PROCEDURES

The deadline to commence construction, set by regulation, is five years from the effective date of the Energy Commission's Final Decision on the Application for Certification. An applicant, before the deadline, may request, and the Commission may order, an extension for good cause (20 Cal. Code of Regs., § 1720.3). The purpose of the Energy Commission review process for such a request is to determine whether the project owner has shown good cause justifying the extension of the deadline to commence construction.

The Energy Commission's webpage for this facility, <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/saltonseal/>, has a link to the amendment petition on the right side of the webpage labeled "Compliance Proceeding." Click on the "Documents for this Proceeding (Docket Log)" option.

Energy Commission staff is currently reviewing the petition. 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 parties who have subscribed. To subscribe, go to the Commission's webpage for this facility, cited above, scroll down to the 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 follow the instructions in the on-line form. Be sure to include the facility name in your comments. Once submitted, the Energy Commission Dockets Unit reviews and approves your comments, and you will receive an e-mail with a link to them.

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

California Energy Commission
Dockets Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 02-AFC-2C
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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 this facility.

If you have questions about this Notice, please contact Dale Rundquist, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 651-2072, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at dale.rundquist@energy.ca.gov.

For information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the petition, call the Public Adviser at (800) 822-6228 (toll-free in California) or send your e-mail to publicadviser@energy.ca.gov. News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail to mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

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