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**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
AND  
STAFF'S ANALYSIS FOR THE  
PETITION TO MODIFY THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION  
FOR THE GATEWAY GENERATING STATION  
(00-AFC-01C)**

On May 23, 2014, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed a petition with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) requesting to modify the Final Decision for the Gateway Generating Station (00-AFC-01C). The 530-megawatt combined-cycle, natural gas-fired, electricity-generating facility was certified by the Energy Commission in its Final Decision on May 29, 2001, and began commercial operation in January, 2009. The facility is located in the City of Antioch's Sphere of Influence, in Contra Costa County, California.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS**

The modifications proposed in the petition would add additional decking to the north side of the steam turbine deck and relocate area lighting and associated electrical power supply conduits to accommodate the new decking. No conditions of certification adopted by the Energy Commission in its Final Decision for the Gateway Generating Station would need to be changed as part of this petition.

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

**ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF REVIEW AND DETERMINATION**

Energy Commission technical staff reviewed the petition for potential environmental effects and consistency with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (LORS). Staff has determined that the proposed modifications would not affect their technical or environmental area, or the changes would have no significant environmental impact. In addition, the proposed modifications would not result in a change in or deletion of a condition of certification adopted by the Commission, or cause the project to not comply with any applicable LORS.

Staff's conclusions for each technical or environmental area are summarized in the following table.

**Summary of Staff Responses to Petition**

TECHNICAL/ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS REVIEWED	STAFF RESPONSE			Revised Conditions of Certification Recommended
	Technical Area Not Affected	No Significant Environmental Impact*	Process As Amendment	
Air Quality		X		No
Biological Resources	X			No
Cultural Resources	X			No
Facility Design		X		No
Geological & Paleontological Resources	X			No
Hazardous Materials Management	X			No
Land Use	X			No
Noise & Vibration	X			No
Public Health	X			No
Socioeconomics	X			No
Soil & Water Resources	X			No
Traffic & Transportation		X		No
Transmission Line Safety & Nuisance	X			No
Transmission System Engineering	X			No
Visual Resources		X		No
Waste Management	X			No
Worker Safety & Fire Protection		X		No

\*There is no possibility that the proposed modifications would have a significant effect on the environment, and the modifications would not result in a change in or deletion of a condition adopted by the Commission in the Final Decision, or make changes that would cause project noncompliance with any applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, or standards (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1769 (a)(2)).

Section 1769(a)(2) of Title 20, California Code of Regulations, states, “(w)here staff determines that there is no possibility that the modifications may have a significant effect on the environment, and if the modifications will not result in a change or deletion of a condition adopted by the commission in the final decision or make changes that would cause the project not to comply with any applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, or standards, no commission approval is required....”

Pursuant to that section, Energy Commission staff has determined for this petition that approval by the full Commission is not required and the proposed modifications meet the criteria for approval at the staff level because:

- The modification[s] will not have any significant effect on the environment;
- Existing conditions of certification are sufficient to cover the proposed modification[s] without changes to, or deletions of, any conditions of certification; and
- The project as modified will maintain full compliance with applicable LORS.

This Notice of Determination 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 the right side of the project's webpage to the box labeled "Subscribe," and provide the requested contact information.

Any person may file an objection to staff's determination within 14 days of the date of this Notice on the grounds that the project modification does not meet the criteria set forth in section 1769(a)(2). If a timely objection is received, the petition must be processed as a formal amendment to the decision and must be approved by the full Commission at a noticed business meeting or hearing. Absent any relevant objections, the amendment petition will be approved 14 days after this Notice is docketed. To use the Energy Commission's electronic commenting feature to object to staff's determination, 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. 00-AFC-01C  
1516 Ninth Street  
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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 will be publicly accessible on the Energy Commission's webpage for the facility.

If you have questions about this Notice, please contact Christine Stora, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-4745, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at [christine.stora@energy.ca.gov](mailto:christine.stora@energy.ca.gov).

For information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the petition, please call the Public Adviser at (800) 822-6228 (toll-free in California) or send your e-mail to [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 to [mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov).

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