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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION
 AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:)	
The Application for)	Docket No. 08-AFC-7C
For the High Desert Power Project (HDPP))	
)	Order No. 14-1007-5
)	
)	ORDER APPROVING PETITION TO MODIFY THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION
)	

On July 21, 2014, High Desert Power Trust, the owner of the High Desert Power Project (HDPP), filed a petition with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) requesting to modify the project. The 830-megawatt, combined-cycle power plant was certified by the Energy Commission on May 3, 2000, and began commercial operations in April, 2003. The facility is located in the City of Victorville, in San Bernardino County.

The modifications proposed in the petition would modify the project to allow HDPP to install an ultraviolet treatment system within the existing water treatment facilities, and an enhancement to the existing cold lime softening system. The cold lime system will require a slight alteration to an existing structure and an additional tank to increase system efficiency. All modifications will remain on existing asphalt surfaces surrounding the water treatment facility. According to the petition and Staff's analysis, these modifications will reduce water consumption and improve overall efficiency and reliability of the HDPP.

ENERGY COMMISSION FINDINGS

Based on Staff's analysis, the Energy Commission concludes that the proposed changes to the project description will not result in any significant impact to public health and safety, or the environment. The Energy Commission public review process has been certified as a CEQA-equivalent, and therefore satisfies CEQA requirements. The Energy Commission finds that:

- The petition meets all the filing criteria of Title 20, section 1769 (a), of the California Code of Regulations, concerning post-certification project modifications;
- The modification will not change the findings in the Energy Commission's Decision, pursuant to Title 20, section 1755, of the California Code of Regulations;
- The project will remain in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards, subject to the provisions of Public Resources Code, section 25525;
- The modifications will be beneficial because they will enable the project owner to optimize operations and reduce water consumption; and
- There has been a substantial change in circumstances since the Energy Commission certification justifying the modifications based on information that was not available to the parties prior to Energy Commission certification.

CONCLUSION AND ORDER

The California Energy Commission hereby adopts staff's recommendations and approves the changes to the Project Description for the High Desert Power Project.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

CERTIFICATION


The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on October 7, 2014.

AYE: Weisenmiller, Douglas, McAllister, Hochschild

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Harriet Kallemeyn,
Secretariat