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BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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**APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE  
SAN GABRIEL GENERATING STATION,  
SUN VALLEY ENERGY PROJECT, and  
WILLOW PASS GENERATING STATION**

**Docket No. 07-AFC-02,  
05-AFC-03 AND 08-AFC-06**

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING ON APPLICANTS' MOTIONS TO CONTINUE  
SUSPENSION AND ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF'S MOTIONS TO TERMINATE  
PROCEEDINGS**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Committee appointed by the Energy Commission to conduct proceedings on the Applications for Certification (AFC) for the San Gabriel Generating Station, Sun Valley Energy Project, and Willow Pass Generating Station has scheduled a hearing on:

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2015  
Beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

**California Energy Commission  
Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(Map attached)**



**TELECONFERENCE OPTION: Parties and the Public may attend the meeting in person at the above location or by telephone and/or by computer via our "WebEx" web conferencing system. For details on how to participate by WebEx, please see the "Participation through WebEx" directions attached to this Notice.**

**PURPOSE OF THE HEARING**

The Committee will conduct the hearing to allow the parties to submit evidence and argument on the Applicants' Petitions for Continued Suspension of the AFC and on Staff's Motions to Terminate Proceedings.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **San Gabriel Generating Station**

On April 13, 2007, San Gabriel Generation, LLC, currently a subsidiary of NRG Energy, Inc., filed an AFC for the San Gabriel Generating Station (SGGS). The AFC was deemed data adequate on May 23, 2007. SGGS, as proposed, would be a 696 Megawatt (MW) natural-gas-fired combined-cycle power plant consisting of two combustion turbine generators (CTG), two supplementally fired heat-recovery steam generators (HRSG), one steam turbine generator (STG), and ancillary equipment sited within the existing 60-acre Etiwanda Generating Station property located on Etiwanda Avenue in Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino County, California.

On June 5, 2009, a Petition to Suspend Proceedings was granted for SGGS and it has remained in suspended status since that date. On June 30, 2015, Energy Commission staff (Staff) filed a Motion to Terminate Proceeding (TN 205194) for the SGGS. The Motion seeks an Order terminating the AFC for the SGGS project for failure to pursue the application with due diligence under California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1720.2. The Applicant for SGGS filed a Request for Additional Suspension (TN 205201) on June 30, 2015, and a Response to Staff's Motion to Terminate Proceedings (TN 205357) on July 15, 2015.

### **Sun Valley Energy Project**

On December 1, 2005, Valle del Sol Energy, LLC, currently a wholly-owned subsidiary of NRG Energy, Inc., submitted an AFC to construct and operate a simple-cycle (peaking) power plant named the Sun Valley Energy Project (SVEP), near Romoland in unincorporated western Riverside County, California. The SVEP would be a nominal 500 MW simple-cycle power plant consisting of five General Electric LMS100 natural-gas-fired turbine generators and associated equipment. The AFC was deemed data adequate on February 1, 2006.

On May 31, 2011, the SVEP Applicant's Petition to Suspend Proceedings was granted and the SVEP has remained in suspended status since that date. On June 30, 2015, Staff filed a Motion to Terminate Proceeding (TN 205195) for the SVEP. The Motion seeks an order terminating the AFC for the SVEP for failure to pursue the application with due diligence under California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1720.2. The SVEP Applicant filed a Request for Additional Suspension (TN 205199) on June 30, 2015, and a Response to Staff's Motion to Terminate Proceedings (TN 205358) on July 15, 2015.

### **Willow Pass Generating Station**

The Energy Commission received the initial AFC for the Willow Pass Generating Station (WPGS) on June 30, 2008, which was deemed data adequate on October 8, 2008. WPGS, currently owned by NRG Energy, Inc., would consist of two power blocks, each containing one Siemens Flex Plant 10 combined-cycle unit located in the City of Pittsburg in Contra Costa County, California. The combined generating capacity of the two power blocks would be approximately 550 MW net.

On May 23, 2014, the WPGS Applicant filed a Petition to Suspend Proceedings and the WPGS has remained in suspended status since June 10, 2014. On June 30, 2015, Staff filed a Motion to Terminate Proceeding (TN 205193) for the WPGS. The Motion seeks an Order terminating the AFC for the WPGS for failure to pursue the application with due diligence under California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1720.2. The WPGS Applicant filed a Request for Additional Suspension (TN 205200) on June 30, 2015, and a Response to Staff's Motion to Terminate Proceedings (TN 205356) on July 15, 2015.

On August 12, 2015, the Energy Commission appointed a single committee to conduct proceedings on all three of the above listed projects. The Committee will consolidate these three matters into a single hearing to further the interest of economy and efficiency of the hearings because of the overlap between the parties to the proceedings and the similarity of issues. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1719(a).)

### **Closed Sessions**

The Committee may temporarily adjourn into closed session to deliberate pursuant to Government Code section 11126.

### **Public Adviser and Public Participation**

Members of the public are welcome to attend and offer comments at the hearing. It is not necessary to be an intervenor to participate in the public process. Comments may be submitted in writing online. Simply click on the "Submit e-Comment" link in the "Proceeding Information" box on the right-hand side of the webpage for any of these three matters at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sangabriel>

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sunvalley>

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/willowpass>

Otherwise, written comments may be submitted by e-mailing them to [docket@energy.ca.gov](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov), or by U.S. Mail to: California Energy Commission - Docket Unit, 1516 Ninth Street, MS-4, Sacramento, CA 95814. Please identify the power plant which is the subject of any e-mailed or written comments on any correspondence as: "**San Gabriel 07-AFC-02**," "**Sun Valley 05-AFC-03**," or "**Willow Pass 08-AFC-6**."

**PLEASE NOTE:** Your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g. your address, phone, e-mail, etc.) become part of the viewable public record. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and other search engines.

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office is available to provide the public with an understanding of the proceedings and to make recommendations for meaningful participation. For assistance, contact Alana Mathews, Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489, or 800-822-6228, or by e-mail to: [publicadviser@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadviser@energy.ca.gov).

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in this event, contact Lourdes Quiroz no less than five days prior to the hearing at (916) 654-5146, or by e-mail at: [lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov](mailto:lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov).

## Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Kenneth Celli, the Hearing Adviser, at (916) 651-8893 or e-mail: [ken.celli@energy.ca.gov](mailto:ken.celli@energy.ca.gov).

Technical questions about the projects should be addressed to Keith Winstead, Staff Project Manager, at (916) 654-5191, or e-mail: [keith.winstead@energy.ca.gov](mailto:keith.winstead@energy.ca.gov).

Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Media and Public Communications at (916) 654-4989, or e-mail: [mediaoffica@energy.ca.gov](mailto:mediaoffica@energy.ca.gov).

Information regarding the status of the projects, as well as notices and other relevant documents pertaining to this proceeding, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sangabriel>  
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sunvalley>  
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/willowpass>.

Dated: August 12, 2015 at Sacramento, California.

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KAREN DOUGLAS  
Commissioner and Presiding Member  
San Gabriel, Sun Valley and Willow Pass AFC Committees

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Commissioner and Associate Member  
San Gabriel, Sun Valley and Willow Pass AFC Committees

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**COMMITTEE HEARING ON APPLICANTS' MOTIONS TO CONTINUE SUSPENSION  
AND ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF'S MOTIONS TO TERMINATE PROCEEDINGS  
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**Hearing Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Applicant, Staff, and Intervenors may offer evidence and argument on the two issues raised in Applicants' and Staff's motions, namely:
  - a) Should the Committee continue the suspensions for San Gabriel Generating Station (07-AFC-02), Sun Valley Energy Project (05-AFC-03), and/or Willow Pass Generating Station (08-AFC-06); and
  - b) Should the Committee recommend that any of the projects' AFCs be terminated for lack of due diligence.

3. Public Comment

Members of the public and other interested persons and entities may speak for up to three minutes on a matter appearing on this agenda.

4. Closed Session

Committee closed session consideration of the following items:

San Gabriel Generating Station (07-AFC-02), Sun Valley Energy Project (05-AFC-03), and Willow Pass Generating Station (08-AFC-06), and deliberation on matters for decision by the Committee such as the motions to extend the suspensions, motions to terminate the proceedings, other pending motions and scheduling.

The Committee will adjourn to closed session in accordance with Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3), which allows a state body, including a delegated committee, to hold a closed session to deliberate on a decision to be reached in a proceeding the state body was required by law to conduct.

5. Adjourn

Agency contact: Ken Celli, Hearing Adviser, (916) 651-8893 or by e-mail to: ken.cell@energy.ca.gov.



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