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NOTICE OF RECEIPT

PETITION TO AMEND THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE PIO PICO ENERGY CENTER (11-AFC-1C)

On July 31, 2015, the Pio Pico Energy Center, LLC filed a petition with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) requesting to modify the Final Decision for the Pio Pico Energy Center (PPEC). The simple-cycle, natural gas-fired, 300-megawatt facility was certified by the Energy Commission in its Decision on September 12, 2012, and construction is currently 25 percent complete. The facility will be located in an unincorporated area of San Diego County, California.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

Pio Pico Energy Center, LLC seeks approval to amend the PPEC Commission Decision to modify the sizes of the following approved facilities:

- Raw Water Collection Tank (RWCT) (increase in size of the approved tank from 500,000 to 650,000 gallons);
- Wastewater Collection Tank (WCT) (increase in size of the approved tank from 95,000 to 500,000 gallons);
- Final Wastewater Storage Tank (FWST) (increase in size of the approved tank from 20,000 to 30,000 gallons); and
- Water Treatment Building (WTB) (decrease in square footage from 15,500 square feet to 13,200 square feet and increase in height from 15 feet to 23 feet high).

Please note that these facilities were approved in the original Pio Pico Decision, but are not yet built. Two (2) small clarifiers would also be substituted for the approved reaction tank.

Collectively the tanks and building are referred to as the Wastewater Storage Modification (WSM).

The larger approved RWCT will allow for additional storage of recycled water from the Wastewater treatment system. This will allow the Wastewater treatment system to operate with minimal starts and stops.

The larger approved WCT will allow for collecting and storing of all wastewater produced for more than 24 hours before clarifier startup from either a cold or idle start. The increase in tank size ensures the most demanding operational needs will be met.

The modifications to the approved WTB will optimize existing site space to accommodate the final design.

ENERGY COMMISSION AMENDMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES

The Energy Commission's webpage for this facility, http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/piopico/, 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 is currently reviewing the petition. 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). Upon completion of its review, staff will provide written notice of its intent to either process the proposed changes as a Staff Approved Project Modification or schedule it for consideration by the Energy Commission at a regularly scheduled Business Meeting.

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 emailed 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 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. 11-AFC-1C 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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 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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