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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT
PETITION TO AMEND
THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE
HIGH DESERT POWER PROJECT (97-AFC-1C)**

On October 30, 2015, 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 amend the Final Decision for the HDPP. 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.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

The modifications proposed in the petition would change Conditions of Certification **Soil & Water 1** to allow HDPP to use alternative water supplies other than State Water Project Water or recycled water from the Victor Valley Water Reclamation Authority. According to the petition, the proposed revisions are necessary to avoid possible operational disruptions due to drought-related water reliability impacts.

ENERGY COMMISSION AMENDMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES

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). Energy Commission staff is currently analyzing the request and will publish an analysis in the near future. A public hearing for the purpose of approving, denying, or modifying the amendment proposal will be held at a regularly scheduled Energy Commission business meeting.

The amendment petition has been posted on the Energy Commission's HDPP webpage at http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/high_desert/. The Staff Analysis, when completed, will also be posted on the same webpage.

This Notice of Receipt is being provided to interested parties and property owners adjacent to the facility site. This Notice has been mailed to the HDPP mail list and sent electronically to the HDPP Listserv. The listserv is an automated Energy Commission e-mail system by which information can be distributed to all parties who have subscribed. You can subscribe from the Commission's HDPP webpage, cited above.

Any person may comment on the petition. Those who wish to comment on the petition can use the Energy Commission's e-commenting feature as follows: Go to the Energy Commission's HDPP webpage and click on the "Submit e-Comment" link. In the form,

provide the required information—your full name, e-mail address, the comment Title, and either a comment or an attached document. The comment Title should be “[Your Name]’s Comments re: HDPP Petition.” Type your comments into the “Comment Text” field, or upload and attach a document with your comments. The maximum upload file size is 10MB, and only .doc, .docx, or .pdf attachments will be accepted. Enter the CAPTCHA that is used to prevent spamming. Then click on the “Agree and Submit your Comments” button to submit your comments to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit for review. When your comments are approved and docketed, 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. 97-AFC-1C
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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 the facility.

If you have questions about this Notice, please contact Joseph Douglas, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 653-4677, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at joseph.douglas@energy.ca.gov.

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

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