

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-2000
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Project Title: Approval of Project Change: Site Reconfiguration
Pastoria Energy Facility (Docket #99-AFC-7C)

Project Location: The site is located approximately 30 miles south of Bakersfield, and 6.5 miles east of I-5 at Grapevine Kern County, California.

Description of Project: PEF is a nominally-rated 750MW combined-cycle natural gas power plant currently under construction and scheduled for commercial operation in early 2003. The site plan rearrangement will affect power blocks, water storage tanks, control building, and a reduction in cooling tower cells; reduction in stack height from 213 to 150 feet; steam injection power augmentation, a minor relocation of the fuel gas supply line; and a 70% increase in projected workforce needs.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pastoria Energy Center, LLC, an affiliate of the Calpine Corporation

Exempt Status: CEQA Guidelines, Section 15303, New construction of small structures

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The proposed site reconfiguration and relocation of the natural gas pipeline is minor in nature and will not result in any adverse environmental impacts.

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