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NOTICE OF DECISION by the CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

To: California Resources Agency 1416 9th Street, Room 1311 Sacramento, CA 95814 From: California Energy Commission 1516 9th Street, MS-2000 Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with Public Resources Code section 21080.5 and Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1768

Project Name: Otay Mesa Energy Center

Energy Commission Docket Number: 99-AFC-5C

Energy Commission Contact Person: Dale Rundquist Phone #: (916) 651-2072

Project Location: San Diego County, California

Project Description: Otay Mesa is a combined-cycle, natural gas-fired, electricity-generating facility that was certified by the Energy Commission in its Decision on April 23, 2001, and began commercial operation on October 3, 2009. The project site is adjacent to the Pio Pico Energy Center, currently under construction, in an unincorporated area of San Diego County, California.

Modification Description: The modifications proposed in the petition would replace certain combustion section components (turbine blades, nozzles and associate structural elements) with Advanced Gas Path (AGP) components on the two existing combustion turbines at Otay Mesa. The AGP replacement components will increase the combined generating capability of both turbines by approximately 15 MW and will improve the heat rate of the entire plant. The increase in velocity and temperature of the plumes of the exhaust stacks is mitigated by new conditions of certification citing Federal Aviation Administration aviation hazard notifications.

On February 10, 2016, the California Energy Commission approved the above-described project change pursuant to a regulatory program certified by the California Secretary of Resources under section 21080.5 of the California Public Resources Code, finding that:

- 1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment;
- 2. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the project;
- 3. The project is in compliance with all laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards; and
- 4. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for the project.

The Commission's docket files containing the Energy Commission's Final Decision and other information regarding the project are open to the public at: California Energy Commission, 1516 9th Street, Sacramento, California, 95814. This information is also available on the Energy Commission's project web site—<u>http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/otaymesa/</u>.

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