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**PETITION TO AMEND THE
HIGH DESERT POWER PLANT**

Docket No. 97-AFC-01C

NOTICE OF APRIL 21, 2016 COMMITTEE STATUS CONFERENCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Energy Commission Committee¹ (Committee) assigned to conduct proceedings on the Project Owner's Petition for Modification to Drought-Proof the High Desert Power Plant (HDPP or Petitioner) (Petition)² has scheduled a public Committee Status Conference to review and discuss the progress made in the proceeding and consider any then-pending motions or petitions on:

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016

Committee Closed Session Beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Committee Public Status Conference Beginning No Earlier than 3:00 p.m.

**California Energy Commission
Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room (Hearing Room A)
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(See Map Below)
(Wheelchair Accessible)**



TELECONFERENCE OPTION: *You may participate in the Status Conference either in person, by telephone, and/or by computer via the "WebEx" conferencing system. Please see the "INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING WEBEX TELECONFERENCING USING YOUR COMPUTER AND/OR TELEPHONE" section attached to this notice.*

¹ The Committee consists of Commissioner Karen Douglas, Presiding Member, and Commissioner Janea A. Scott, Associate Member. The full Commission made this Committee assignment at an Energy Commission Business Meeting on January 13, 2016.

² The Petition may be viewed at: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/getdocument.aspx?tn=206468>.

Background

The HDPP was certified by the Energy Commission on May 3, 2000. It began commercial operation in April 2003. The HDPP is an 830 Megawatt (MW) natural gas fired, combined-cycle electric generating facility located in the City of Victorville in San Bernardino County.

When originally approved, the HDPP was limited to using State Water Project water for cooling purposes; the use of this water also required HDPP to bank State Water Project water for use in dry years.³ On September 10, 2014, the Energy Commission ordered HDPP to file, by November 1, 2015, a petition to amend certain conditions of certification, such as SOIL&WATER-1, to “drought-proof” the facility by implementing reliable primary and backup water supplies.

HDPP filed the Petition on October 30, 2015.⁴ The Petition proposes a “Loading Sequence” for the sources of water to be blended with recycled water at the facility, maximizing the use of recycled water as the primary supply, in order to operate the facility reliably. The other water sources are water directly from the State Water Project, banked State Water Project water, and adjudicated groundwater from the Mojave River Basin. They would be blended in that order of preference.

Purpose of the Committee Status Conference

The Committee will conduct the Status Conference to review and discuss the progress made in the proceeding. Any then-pending motions, petitions, and other requests that are ripe for consideration may also be considered. The Committee may discuss the outcome of the Staff Workshop, currently scheduled for April 15, 2016,⁵ as well as issues raised by the briefs submitted in response to the Committee’s “Orders After March 16, 2016, Prehearing Conference”, filed on March 22, 2016.⁶

As allowed by California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1207, the Status Conference may be conducted by the Hearing Officer without either Commissioner being present.

Notice of Closed Session Deliberations

The Committee will be meeting in closed session beginning at 2:00 p.m. The public portion of the Committee Status Conference will begin no earlier than 3:00 p.m. At any time during the Status Conference, the Committee may adjourn to a closed session in accordance with California Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3), which allows a state body, including a delegated committee, to hold a closed session to

³ The Original Decision can be found at:

http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/highdesert/documents/2000-05-03_HD_DECISION.PDF

⁴ TN 206468.

⁵ TN 210899.

⁶ TN 210804.

deliberate on a decision to be reached in a proceeding the state body was required by law to conduct.

Transcripts

Parties are responsible for identifying errors in the transcripts of the proceedings. Corrections to the transcripts must be filed within 30 days of the filing of a transcript.

Public Adviser and Public Participation

Members of the public are welcome to attend and offer oral or written comments at the status conference. Comments may also be submitted electronically by visiting the website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/highdesert> and clicking on the “Submit e-Comment” link in the “2015 Amendment Proceeding” box. Otherwise, written comments may be submitted by e-mailing them to doCKET@energy.ca.gov, or by U.S. Mail to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit
Docket number: 97-AFC-01C
1516 Ninth Street, MS-4
Sacramento, CA 95614

For all comments, please include the docket number and proceeding name, “**Docket No. 97-AFC-01C, High Desert Power Plant Project**”, in the subject line and on the cover page.

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 Public Adviser’s Office is available to assist the public with understanding the proceedings and to facilitate meaningful participation. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser, Alana Mathews, at PublicAdviser@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4489, or toll free at (800) 822-6228.

If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at lquiroz@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance of the Committee Status Conference.

Contact Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Susan Cochran, the Hearing Officer, by e-mail at susan.cochran@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-3965.

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Joseph Douglas, the Staff Project Manager, by e-mail at joseph.douglas@energy.ca.gov or (916) 653-4677.

Media inquiries should be sent to the Media and Public Communications Office at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

Information regarding the status of the project, 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/highdesert/index.html>.

Dated: April 11, 2016, at Sacramento, California

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

KAREN DOUGLAS
Commissioner and Presiding Member
High Desert Amendment Committee

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

JANEA A. SCOTT
Commissioner and Associate Member
High Desert Amendment Committee



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Status Conference	<p align="center">Thursday, April 21, 2016</p> <p align="center">Committee Closed Session will begin at 2:00 p.m.</p> <p align="center">Committee Public Session will begin no earlier than 3:00 pm.</p>	926 679 194	pwd#1516

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High Desert Power Plant Project (97-AFC-01C)
Status Conference Agenda
Thursday, April 21, 2016, at 2:00 p.m.

California Energy Commission
Art Rosenfeld Room (Hearing Room A)
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(See Map Below)

1. Call to Order
2. 2:00 p.m. : Closed Session⁷
Committee closed session consideration of the following item:

***PETITION FOR MODIFICATION TO DROUGHT-PROOF THE HIGH DESERT
POWER PROJECT.***

Deliberation by the Committee on any matters submitted for decision by the Committee including, but not limited to, pending motions and scheduling and the parties' briefing in response to the Committee's Orders after March 16, 2016, Prehearing Conference.

3. No earlier than 3:00 p.m.: Public Status Conference: Case progress and schedule
 - a. Outcome of Staff Workshop
 - b. Issues Presented by Parties' Briefing
 - c. Schedule
4. Hearing on Any Pending Motions
5. Public Comment

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

⁷ 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.

6. Continued Closed Session (if necessary)⁸
Committee closed session consideration of the following item:

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POWER PROJECT.***

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7. Adjourn

Agency Contact: Susan Cochran, Hearing Officer, phone: (916) 654-3965, or e-mail: susan.cochran@energy.ca.gov.

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