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**TO: AGENCY DISTRIBUTION LIST****REQUEST FOR AGENCY PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW OF THE POMONA REPOWER PROJECT (16-SPPE-01)**

Notice is hereby provided pursuant to Title 20 Section 1940(c) of an application filed with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) for a Small Power Plant Exemption (SPPE). On March 21, 2016, AltaGas Pomona Energy Inc. (AltaGas) filed an SPPE application proposing to replace the existing 44.5-megawatt (MW) San Gabriel Cogeneration Facility (San Gabriel Facility), with the Pomona Repower Project (PRP), a 100 MW peaking facility. The project would occupy 2 acres at the existing San Gabriel Facility site located in an industrial area at 1507 Mt. Vernon Avenue, in Pomona, Los Angeles County, California. AltaGas owns the existing San Gabriel Facility and would own the PRP upon completion. The project is intended to provide efficient operational flexibility with rapid-start and steep-ramping capability to allow for the efficient integration of renewable energy sources into the California electrical grid.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

PRP would be powered by one General Electric LMS100 gas turbine. The LMS100 would use the existing 66-kilovolt Simpson transmission line to connect to the grid. The line would be upgraded with new conductors to account for the additional power generated by the LMS100. The project would include the removal of the existing LM5000 gas turbine currently in operation.

Additional plant equipment would include natural gas compressors, water treatment facilities, emergency services, and an administration/maintenance building. The combustion turbine generator would be equipped with evaporative coolers on the inlet air system, compressor inter-stage cooling, and water injection to control nitrogen oxides (NOx). PRP would use existing supply and discharge lines including natural gas, potable and recycled water supply, process wastewater, and sanitary wastewater. The project would use recycled water from the Pomona Water Reclamation Plant for cooling and appropriate process water uses.

**ENERGY COMMISSION'S SMALL POWER PLANT EXEMPTION PROCESS**

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing, and ultimately approving or denying, all thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. The Energy Commission's SPPE process allows projects between 50 and 100 MW to proceed with local approval rather than requiring an Energy Commission license. An exemption from this licensing process is available if the Energy Commission finds that the project would not create a significant adverse impact on the environment or energy resources. The Energy Commission is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) responsible for preparing an Initial Study. If warranted, the Commission will prepare a Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration that examines public health and safety, and environmental impacts of the proposed



project including all related facilities such as electric transmission lines, natural gas and water pipelines.

## AGENCY PARTICIPATION

Your agency's participation is encouraged and would consist of identifying and working to resolve issues of concern to your agency in connection with our SPPE proceeding. Should the exemption be approved, the applicant would then be responsible for obtaining all necessary local, state, and federal permits required to construct and operate the project.

Enclosed is a CD of the SPPE application in electronic format. The status of the proposed project, copies of notices, electronic files of application documents, and other relevant documents will be made available on the project website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/pomona>. To receive electronic notices of all project related activities and documents related to the exemption evaluation, go to the Energy Commission's listserve web page (<http://energy.ca.gov/listservers>), and check the "pomona" box under "Projects Under Review."

The standard CEQA documentation associated with an SPPE evaluation is an Initial Study and Negative Declaration (IS/ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). Pursuant to Title 20 Section 1940(c), any written comments your agency may have must be filed with the Energy Commission executive director at the letterhead address no later than the date of the first hearing on the application. The date of this hearing is not yet known, but pursuant to Title 20 Section 1944 must be held no later than June 29, 2016. We will provide advance notice once it is scheduled.

You may also submit comments electronically. To use the Energy Commission's electronic commenting feature, go to the Energy Commission's webpage for this proceeding, cited above, click on the "Submit e-Comment" link, and follow the instructions in the online form. Be sure to include the project name in your comments. Once submitted, you will receive an e-mail with a link to them after the Energy Commission Dockets Unit reviews to ensure the comments meet the requirements for submittal.

If you have any questions or need additional information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the proposed project, please contact Leonidas Payne, Siting Project Manager, at (916) 651-0966, or by email to [leonidas.payne@energy.ca.gov](mailto:leonidas.payne@energy.ca.gov). Mr. Payne can also assist you to obtain a paper copy of the SPPE application, if needed.

Sincerely,



Chris Davis  
Siting Office Manager

Enclosure: CD of the Pomona Repower SPPE application  
CC: Mail List Number 7515 (Agency)