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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

Docket No. 98-AFC-03C

Delta Energy Center, LLC

ORDER APPROVING PETITION TO AMEND

On February 22, 2017, Delta Energy Center LLC, the owner/operator of the Delta Energy Center, submitted a petition requesting to modify the Delta Energy Center to make temporary modifications to the steam turbine condenser to run the facility in simple cycle mode. The modifications will allow the Delta Energy Center to continue repairs to the steam turbine while the facility returns to service in simple cycle mode to support the California Independent System Operator in resource planning for the summer of 2017. In simple cycle mode, Delta Energy Center would provide approximately 500 to 544 MW of capacity and voltage support to the applicable resource area.

On February 24, 2017, Energy Commission staff filed in the docket its analysis of the petition and concluded that there would be no additional significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed changes; the facility will remain in compliance with all laws, ordinances, regulations and standards; the changes will be beneficial by enabling the Delta Energy Center to support the California Independent System Operator in resource planning for the summer of 2017; and there has been a substantial change in circumstances since the Commission's certification justifying the changes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Energy Commission staff reviewed the petition, concludes that it complies with the requirements of Title 20, section 1769 (a) of the California Code of Regulations, and recommends approval of Delta Energy Center, LLC's petition to modify the Delta Energy Center.

ENERGY COMMISSION FINDINGS

Based on staff's analysis, the Energy Commission concludes that the proposed modifications will not result in any significant impacts to public health and safety, or to the environment. The Energy Commission finds that:

- The petition meets all the filing criteria of Title 20, section 1769 (a), of the California Code of Regulations, concerning post-certification project modifications;
- The modification will not change the findings in the Energy Commission's Final Decision, pursuant to Title 20, section 1755, of the California Code of Regulations;
- The project will remain in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards, subject to the provisions of Public Resources Code, section 25525;
- The modifications will be beneficial because the changes will allow the facility to return to service to support the California Independent System Operator in resource planning for Summer 2017;
- There has been a substantial change in circumstances since the Energy Commission certification, justifying the modifications, the modifications are based on information that was not available to the parties prior to Energy Commission certification in that modifications are proposed as a result of the fire that occurred on January 29, 2017, which rendered all three units of the facility inoperable.

CONCLUSION AND ORDER

The California Energy Commission hereby adopts staff's recommendation and approves the proposed project modifications to the Commission Decision for the Delta Energy Center requested in the Delta Energy Center's Petition for Temporary Safety Modifications. These modifications will not result in changes to Conditions of Certification.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on March 8, 2017.

AYE: Weisenmiller, Douglas, McAllister, Hochschild, Scott

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Original Signed by

Cody Goldthrite
Secretariat