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*IN THE MATTER OF:*

**MAGNOLIA POWER PROJECT**

**Order No. 17-0809-3**

**Docket No. 01-AFC-06C**

**ORDER APPROVING PETITION TO AMEND – CHANGE IN STARTUP  
AND SHUTDOWN OPERATION, STAFF ANALYSIS ON  
PETITION TO AMEND, AND ERRATA**

On June 10, 2016, Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), the owner of the Magnolia Power Project (MPP), submitted a petition requesting modifications to the startup and shutdown operation of the MPP including an increase in startup duration, number of startups and shutdowns, and duct burner operation. These changes would conform the Decision to actual project operations and the recently revised permit issued by the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

On June 16, 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 MPP to better integrate with intermittent renewable energy resources and remain in compliance with applicable air quality regulations and permits; and there has been a substantial change in circumstances since the Commission's certification justifying the changes. On July 26, 2017, staff filed Errata to Air Quality Analysis of Startup and Shutdown Operation for the Magnolia Power Project to respond to comments submitted by SCPPA and provide corrections and clarifications as needed.

**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 SCPPA's petition to modify the Magnolia Power Project along with changes to the project's conditions of certification as reflected in staff's analysis and errata.

**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 MPP will not result in any unmitigated significant environmental impact;

- 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 integrate with intermittent renewable energy resources, remain in compliance with applicable air quality regulations and permits, and there would be no significant air quality impacts related to the project and no minority or low-income populations would be significantly or adversely impacted;
- There has been a substantial change in circumstances since the Energy Commission certification justifying the modifications in that the original data used as the basis for project licensing were considered the best at the time and the proposed changes in the increase in monthly startups and shutdowns are necessary to integrate the operation of the MPP with intermittent renewable energy resources and remain in compliance with applicable air quality regulations and permits.

## **CONCLUSION AND ORDER**

The California Energy Commission hereby adopts staff's recommendation and approves the proposed project modifications to the Commission Decision for the Magnolia Power Project, as requested in SCPPA's Petition to Amend – Change in Startup and Shutdown Operation and the changes to the project's conditions of certification as reflected in the Staff Analysis on Petition to Amend and the subsequent Errata.

**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 August 9, 2017.

AYE: Weisenmiller, Douglas, McAllister, Hochschild, Scott

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Original Signed by:

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Secretariat