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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

*IN THE MATTER OF*

**RUSSELL CITY ENERGY CENTER**

**Docket No. 01-AFC-07C**

**ORDER APPROVING PETITION TO  
AMEND FACILITY LICENSE**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

On March 2, 2018, the Russell City Energy Company, LLC, the owner and operator of the Russell City Energy Center, located in the city of Hayward, in Alameda County, California, filed a petition for modification of the project's Energy Commission license to allow the installation of a battery energy storage system to provide Black Start service in response to a need identified by the California Independent System Operator. The batteries would be used to start the gas turbines to restart the power plant in the event of a blackout to support the restoration of the electrical grid in response to an emergency condition.

Energy Commission staff reviewed all project related information and, on January 23, 2019, issued a staff analysis assessing the impacts on the environment from the project and recommends changes to some conditions of certification to ensure the project remains in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards. The staff analysis concludes that the proposed changes would not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, and would comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards with adoption of the staff proposed additions and changes to the conditions of certification. Staff recommends approval of RCEC's petition to modify the Russell City Energy Center, including the modification of 14 existing Air Quality Conditions of Certification, the addition of five new Air Quality Conditions of Certification, and adoption of one new Worker Safety and Fire Protection Condition of Certification.

Russell City Energy Company, LLC submitted comments on the staff analysis on February 4, 2019, agreeing with staff's analysis and the proposed conditions of certification, except for the provision in Worker Safety-3 requiring collaboration with the Hayward City Fire Department.

After reviewing and considering the project owner's comments, Energy Commission staff submitted an analysis on February 8, 2019, concurring with the project owner's proposed changes to Worker Safety-3 and concluding that with this change the project would still comply with all applicable state, local, and federal laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards and would not result in any significant, adverse impacts to the environment.

## **II. FINDINGS**

Based on the entire record of this proceeding, including staff's analysis, and the Russell City Energy Center Commission Decision and the environmental analysis of the project contained therein, 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)(1), of the California Code of Regulations, concerning post certification changes in project design, operation, or performance;
- None of the findings specified in Title 20, section 1748(b) are applicable; and
- The modified project would not have a significant impact on the environment.

## **III. CONCLUSION AND ORDER**

The California Energy Commission concludes that the proposed changes to the project and Energy Commission staff's analysis thereof constitute an addendum to the Commission Decision and no subsequent or supplemental EIR-equivalent documentation is required. The California Energy Commission hereby approves Russell City Energy Company, LLC's Petition for Modification, Black Start Capabilities filed on March 2, 2018, and adopts staff's proposed additions and changes to the project's conditions of certification as set forth in the staff analysis published on January 23, 2019, and as amended on February 8, 2019.

**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 February 20, 2019.

AYE: Weisenmiller, Douglas, Hochschild, McAllister, Scott

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Original Signed by:

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Cody Goldthrite  
Secretariat