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PROPOSED WALSH DATA CENTER APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION FOR REVIEW

Overview: On June 28, 2019, 651 Walsh Partners, LLC (applicant) filed an application with the California Energy Commission for a Small Power Plant Exemption (SPPE) for the Walsh Backup Generating Facility (WBGF), which would provide backup generation support to the Walsh Data Center (WDC) (19-SPPE-02). The WDC and associated WBGF would be located at 651 Walsh Avenue in Santa Clara, California. The WDC would include demolition of the existing improvements on the site to construct a four-story data center building with an attached three-story administration building totaling 435,050 square feet, substation, generator equipment yard, surface parking and landscaping. The WBGF would consist of 32, 3-megawatt (MW) diesel fired generators with a total generation capacity of up to 80 MW to provide an uninterruptible power supply for WDC tenant's servers. The generators would be located in one generator yard in a two-level stacked configuration. The lower level generator package would integrate a dedicated fuel tank with a capacity of 12,800 gallons. The upper level generators would have a day tank with a capacity of 600 gallons. The project would also include one 2-MW emergency generator that would provide backup electricity for the administrative building. The new distribution substation would ultimately be owned and operated by Silicon Valley Power (SVP) as part of its distribution network. While SVP has not yet designed the 60-kilovolt (kV) transmission lines that would interconnect the new substation, SVP has estimated that one transmission line would come in to the site from the north and one from the south, both routes paralleling the existing Union Pacific Railroad rail lines. There may be up to six new transmission poles.

Energy Commission Jurisdiction and Exemption Consideration Process: The Energy Commission has the exclusive power to certify all thermal power plant (50 MW and greater) sites and related facilities proposed for construction in California. The SPPE process allows applicants with projects between 50 and 100 MW to obtain an exemption from the Energy Commission's jurisdiction and proceed with local approval rather than requiring Energy Commission certification. The Energy Commission can grant an exemption if it finds that the proposed project would not create a substantial adverse impact on the environment or energy resources. In reviewing an SPPE application the Energy Commission acts as the lead agency under section 25519(c) of the Public Resources Code and, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, will perform any required environmental analysis. Energy Commission staff (staff) has begun its review of the application. Over the coming months, staff will evaluate the project through an Initial Study and prepare an environmental document. Following publication of that document and consideration of public comments, an assigned Committee will conduct a hearing to determine whether the proposed project should be exempted from the Energy Commission's power plant licensing requirements. This hearing will provide the public as well as local, state and federal agencies and California Native American tribes the opportunity to provide input on the exemption request. Subsequent steps include issuance of a proposed decision by the Committee, and possible adoption of that decision by the Energy Commission at a Business Meeting or hearing. Should the exemption be granted, the applicant would still need to secure the appropriate licenses and permits from relevant local, state, and federal agencies.

Public Participation: The Energy Commission welcomes public participation in our SPPE evaluation process. A copy of the SPPE application as well as other project information can be found on the Energy Commission website at: <https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/walsh/>. To stay informed about this project and receive notice of upcoming meetings and workshops, please sign up on the project list serve, which can be accessed on the same project webpage. The list serve sends out e-mail notifications when documents and notices are posted to the docket.

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