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**APPLICATION FOR SMALL POWER PLANT  
EXEMPTION FOR THE:**

**SEQUOIA BACKUP GENERATING  
FACILITY**

**Docket No. 19-SPPE-03**

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE COMMITTEE PROPOSED  
DECISION, NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, AND NOTICE OF  
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION HEARING**

**I. NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

On August 21, 2020, the Committee<sup>1</sup> appointed by the California Energy Commission (CEC)<sup>2</sup> to conduct proceedings on the application for a Small Powerplant Exemption (SPPE) for the Sequoia Backup Generating Facility (Project) issued its Committee Proposed Decision (Proposed Decision), as required by California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1945(a). The Proposed Decision was filed with the CEC's Docket Unit and a link to the internet-posted document was e-mailed to the Proof of Service list and the Sequoia Backup Generating Facility SPPE listserv. The [Proposed Decision](#) may be viewed on the CEC's website at:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=234416>

For a printed copy, please call the CEC's Publications Unit at (916) 654-5200 and ask for Publication No. **CEC-700-2020-004**.

**II. NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The CEC and the Committee invite interested persons, public agencies, and other entities to submit written comments on the Proposed Decision prior to the CEC hearing where it will be considered for adoption. The CEC requests that comments on the Proposed Decision be received by **5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2020**.

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<sup>1</sup> The CEC appointed a Committee consisting of Karen Douglas, Commissioner and Presiding Member, and Patty Monahan, Commissioner and Associate Member, on September 11, 2019 (TN 229721).

<sup>2</sup> The CEC is formally known as the "State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission." (Pub. Resources Code, § 25200.)

To ensure that your comments are considered, they must be electronically uploaded to the e-filing system, or received by the Docket Unit via email, or physically delivered via mail on or before that date.

Comments may be submitted electronically at the [19-SPPE-03 docket page](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=19-SPPE-03) found at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=19-SPPE-03>.

Otherwise, written comments may be submitted for posting on the proceeding docket by emailing them to the [Public Advisor](mailto:public.advisor@energy.ca.gov) at [public.advisor@energy.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@energy.ca.gov) or e-mailing them to the [docket unit](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov) at [docket@energy.ca.gov](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov), or by U.S. Mail to:

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For all comments, please include the docket number and proceeding name “**Docket No. 19-SPPE-03, Sequoia Backup Generating Facility**” in the subject line and on the cover page.

**Please note:** Your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, e-mail, etc.) become part of the viewable public record. Additionally, this information may become available via search engines such as Google and Yahoo.

Following the end of the comment period, the Committee, if appropriate, may prepare Errata describing changes to the Proposed Decision it recommends after its consideration of comments from the parties and the public.

### **III. NOTICE OF CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION HEARING AT THE BUSINESS MEETING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the CEC will conduct a public hearing at the September 9, 2020, Business Meeting to consider the Proposed Decision (which recommends adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigated Monitoring or Reporting Program for the Project and approval of an SPPE for the Sequoia Backup Generating Facility), any errata, and comments. The Business Meeting information is as follows:

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020  
The Business Meeting Begins at 10:00 a.m.**

**REMOTE ACCESS ONLY**

***The CEC's September 9, 2020 Business Meeting will be held remotely, consistent with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and the recommendations from the California Department of Public Health to encourage physical distancing in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. The public will be able to participate and/or observe the meeting consistent with the direction in these Executive Orders.***

To participate remotely, see the instructions below under the section "**PARTICIPATING REMOTELY**".

**PURPOSE OF THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION HEARING**

The purpose of this hearing is to consider whether the CEC should adopt, modify, or reject the Proposed Decision and any errata. Parties and members of the public may participate and offer oral and written comments on the Project and the Proposed Decision.

If the Proposed Decision is adopted, the CEC will compile a Final Commission Decision that incorporates the CEC Adoption Order, Committee Proposed Decision, any errata, and any modifications made by the CEC during the September 9, 2020, Business Meeting into a single document for the convenience of the parties and the public.

**PARTICIPATING REMOTELY**

To participate by telephone only, call 1-888-823-5065 on the day of the Business Meeting after 9:50 a.m. (Pacific Time). The passcode is "business meeting." If you plan to make public comment about a specific item, please provide your name, affiliation, and the item number to the operator.

[Click here](https://energy.zoom.us/j/93869230237?pwd=Zm96c09ULzdXTjd4eIdtUXdnUGErzd09) to view and listen to this meeting via Zoom (https://energy.zoom.us/j/93869230237?pwd=Zm96c09ULzdXTjd4eIdtUXdnUGErzd09).

You may also [access Zoom](https://join.zoom.us) at this address, https://join.zoom.us, and enter event number 938-6923-0237. The meeting password is mtg@10am.

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Note that in order to comment or ask a question, you must call 1-888-823-5065 as described above or you may email concise comments before the Business Meeting with

your main point to the [Public Advisor's Office](#) at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov to have the CEC's public advisor verbally relate the comments.

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**PUBLIC ADVISOR AND OTHER CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION CONTACTS**

The Public Advisor's Office provides the public assistance in participating in CEC proceedings. For information on how to participate in this Business Meeting or to request language services or other reasonable accommodations, please contact [Public Advisor Noemí O. Gallardo](#), at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov, or by phone at (916) 654- 4489, or toll free at (800) 822-6228. Requests for language services and reasonable accommodations should be made at least five days in advance. The CEC will work diligently to accommodate all requests.

Questions of a procedural nature should be directed to [Susan Cochran, Hearing Officer](#), by e-mail at susan.cochran@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-3965.

Technical questions concerning the Sequoia Backup Generating Facility SPPE should be addressed to [Leonidas Payne, Staff Project Manager](#), by e-mail at leonidas.payne@energy.ca.gov or (916) 651-0966.

Media inquiries should be sent to the [Media and Public Communications Office](#) at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

**AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS**

Information regarding the status of the Sequoia Backup Generating Facility SPPE, as well as notices and other relevant documents pertaining to this proceeding, may be viewed on the [CEC's web page](https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/Sequoia/) at https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/Sequoia/.

Dated: August 21, 2020

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