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IN THE MATTER

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INLAND EMPIRE ENERGY CENTER

ORDER APPROVING REQUEST TO TERMINATE LICENSE

On June 20, 2019, Inland Empire Energy Center, LLC filed a Decommissioning and Demolition Plan with the California Energy Commission (CEC) and request to terminate the CEC's certification for the Inland Empire Energy Center.

BACKGROUND

Prior to demolition, the Inland Empire Energy Center (IEEC) was an 800-megawatt base-load gas-fired power plant located in the City of Menifee, in southern Riverside County. The facility was certified by the CEC on December 17, 2003. On June 20, 2019, IEEC submitted a Decommissioning and Demolition Plan (Closure Plan) to the CEC. CEC staff reviewed the Closure Plan and provided feedback to the facility owner that resulted in the filing of the Revised Closure Plan. At the December 11, 2019, Business Meeting, the CEC adopted an Order, approving the Revised Closure Plan. On February 24, 2020, staff approved a notice to proceed with closure plan activities. On March 29, 2021, a certificate of completion was submitted to staff by the Delegate Chief Building Official.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

IEEC has completed the requirements of the Revised Closure Plan and is now requesting termination of the license. CEC technical staff reviewed the request to terminate and determined all requirements of the Revised Closure Plan have been met, and that no significant environmental impacts nor violation of applicable LORS occurred during closure of the facility, and therefore recommends the IEEC license be terminated.

ENERGY COMMISSION FINDINGS

Based on the entire record, the CEC concludes that the CEC's jurisdiction over the IEEC facility be terminated. The CEC finds that:

- The facility is no longer an operating power plant.
- All requirements of the approved Revised Closure Plan have been completed; and,
- The Request to Terminate proposes no direct or indirect physical changes to the IEEC facility or the environment and therefore would not be a project under the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs.,tit. 14, § 15378).

CONCLUSION AND ORDER

The CEC hereby adopts staff's recommendations and orders that the license granted to IEEC by the CEC is now terminated.

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 April 14, 2021.

AYE: Hochschild, Douglas, McAllister, Monahan, Gunda NAY: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

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