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NOTICE OF RECEIPT PETITION FOR POST-CERTIFICATION PROJECT CHANGE AMENDED CARLSBAD ENERGY CENTER PROJECT (07-AFC-06C)

On September 26, 2023, the Carlsbad Energy Center, LLC (CECL), the project owner, filed a revised Post-Certification Petition for Changes in Project Design, Operation or Performance and Amendments to the Commission Decision (Petition) (TN# 252418) with the California Energy Commission (CEC) for the Amended Carlsbad Energy Center Project (ACECP), pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1769. This petition supersedes the one that was filed with the CEC on February 3, 2020 (TN# 231945).

The 527-megawatt (MW) peaking power plant that was certified by the CEC in July 2015, and began commercial operation in December 2018. The facility is located at 4600 Carlsbad Boulevard in the city of Carlsbad, San Diego County.

For additional information, the <u>CEC's project webpage</u>, https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/simple-cycle/carlsbad-energy-center, has a link to the petition accessible through the webpage in the box labeled "Compliance Proceeding." Click on the "Documents for this Proceeding (Docket Log)" option.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES

Based on series of changes to the Starup Authorization and the recent updates to the San Diego Air Pollution Control District's (SDAPCD) Permit to Operate conditions, CECL has submitted a revised petition to update the previous petition that was filed with the CEC in February 2020. The proposed changes conform with the ACECP Air Quality (AQ) Conditions of Certification (COC) in the July 2015 Final Decision.

Additionally, CECL has proposed the deletion of AQ Condition of Certification AQ-SC9 because the requirement of the COC is not related to AQ, but it was rather intended as a measure to control the noise during operation of the facility as indicated in the COC NOISE-4, which allows for exceptions to the operating-hours limitations for reliability-related purposes, or as otherwise required by the Independent Service Operator (ISO) Tariff. This exception allows the addition of time before 6:00 a.m. for startup and after midnight for shutdown, if needed, to meet the ISO dispatch requirements.

REVIEW PROCESS

This petition is reviewed pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1769. The review process includes an evaluation of the effect the change could have on the environment; the project's compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, or standards; and whether a change to, or deletion of any condition of certification adopted by the CEC in the final decision or subsequent amendments is required.

After staff has completed its independent review and analysis of this petition, the assessment will be published for public review and comment. Included in the staff analysis, staff will provide written notice of its intent to either process the proposed changes as a staff-approved project change or schedule it for consideration by the CEC at a regularly scheduled business meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This notice of receipt is being mailed to the CEC's ACECP mailing list of interested agencies, the public, and property owners that requested placement on the mailing list as well as to property owners within 1,000 feet of the facility site. The notice is also being sent to the Carlsbad list serve. The list serve is an automated CEC system by which information about this facility is emailed to parties who have subscribed. To subscribe, go to the CEC's project webpage, cited above, scroll down the right side of the project webpage to the box labeled "Subscribe," and provide the requested contact information.

Any person may comment on the petition or the staff analysis when publicly available. The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. To use the CEC's electronic commenting feature, go to the CEC's project webpage, cited above, click on the "Submit e-Comment" link and follow the instructions in the online form. Be sure to include the facility name in your comments.

Written comments, attachments, and associated contact information (for example, address, phone number, email address) become part of the viewable public record. This information may also become available via any internet search engine.

Written comments may also be mailed to:

California Energy Commission Docket Unit, MS-4

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