CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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PETITION TO AMEND THE ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE GILROY ENERGY CENTER PROJECT (01-EP-8C)

On October 4, 2002, the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) received a petition to amend the Energy Commission Decision for the Gilroy Energy Center Project (Project). The currently operating Project is a nominal 135 MW natural gas-fired, simple-cycle power plant comprised of three 45 MW LM6000 turbines and is located in the town of Gilroy, in Santa Clara County, California.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGE: Modification of the project description to allow an additional 45 MW LM6000 gas turbine and the associated transmission line reconductoring. This project modification is requested due to a requirement in Calpine's Department of Water Resources (DWR) power purchase contract for Calpine to construct and operate a LM6000 turbine. Prior to submitting this petition for modification of the project, Calpine withdrew the Application for Certification that would have added three LM6000 turbines to this site (01-AFC-9).

As described in the attached Notice of Public Workshop and Site Visit, a public workshop will be held in Gilroy on October 21st at 5:00 p.m. A tour of the proposed turbine location and the transmission line will be conducted prior to the workshop at 3:00 p.m.

ENERGY COMMISSION REVIEW PROCEDURES

The purpose of the Energy Commission's review process is to assess the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality, public health and safety. The review process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed changes with the Energy Commission's decision and if the project, as changed, will remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (*Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Section 1769*). Energy Commission staff is currently analyzing the request and will publish an analysis in the next several weeks. A public hearing for the purpose of approving or denying the amendment proposal will subsequently be held at a regularly scheduled Energy Commission business meeting.

This Notice of Receipt is being mailed to interested parties and property owners adjacent to the project site and transmission line who may want to participate in the amendment process.

- If you would like to receive a copy of the petition to amend the project, staff's analysis, or the Energy Commission's order if the changes are approved, please complete the enclosed Information Request Form and return it to the address shown.
- If you have questions or wish to make comments regarding this proposed project change, please contact Christopher Meyer, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 651-8866, or by e-mail at cmeyer@energy.state.ca.us within 14 days of the date of this notice.

For further information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact Ms. Roberta Mendonca, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228. If you require special accommodations, contact Lourdes Quiroz at (916) 654-5146, at least five days prior to the site visit or workshop. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989.

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