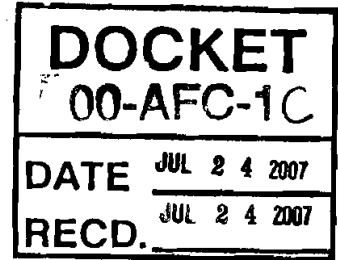


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RE: Gateway Generating Station Project (00-AFC-1C)
Staff Analysis of Proposed Changes Dated July 3, 2007

Mr. Myer,

As Spokesperson for Sportsmen Yacht Club, I have several Questions, Comments, and concerns about the proposed changes. I submit them as one who, deeply involved with the certification process of this project, sees that these changes degrade the original conditions of Licensing in numerous areas.

1) Air Quality, AQ-45; Since an increase in drift rate is being proposed. Am I to believe there will be a plume coming from the WSAC? How far will a 0.003% drift be away from the structure? Will this drift be landing on vehicles entering or leaving San Joaquin Yacht Harbor and Sportsmen Yacht Club? The driveway to them will be directly down wind from the structure given the operation schedule.

2) Biological Resources, Conclusions and Recommendations; We also support the elimination of increased use of Delta Water for Industrial Uses, But the elimination of the Aquatic Filter as a condition for building this plant is a dramatic blow to the improvement of bio condition relating to the continued operation of Units 6 & 7. Many people were able to support the Unit 8 plant solely on its link to improved entrainment conditions that it would bring to current operations. Without these conditions on Unit 8 operation, what assurance can the Energy Commission give the San Joaquin Delta stakeholders that the entrainment of millions of eggs and fish by Power plants will be reduced?

3) Soil and Water, Water Supply; In light of the fact that City of Antioch and PG&E are courting one another for Annexation into City Limits, Have all Staff Disciplines reviewed the changes in LOR's will have on this project?

4) Visual Resources, Assessment of Impacts and Discussion of Mitigation; "The original AFC for the proposed project identified vapor plumes as a significant visual impact." Am I correct that vapor plumes from wet cooling towers are minimal during hot dry summer time conditions? Given that PG&E plans to only run this plant during those times of the year (Ref; Air Quality Page 6). Why are we viewing minimal plumes for 2 Months a year comparable with a behemoth Structure that is present 24/7 365 days a year? Is it a requirement of "Dry Cooling" Towers to be so tall? Can same cooling be done on wider footprint with shorter heights?

5) Visual Resources, Cumulative Impacts and Mitigation; "The spacing proposed is not sufficient to create an adequate berm;" therefore the berm is not part of the proposal." Since CEC had to condition a movement of the project site to adequately allow for mitigation measures (Ref Commission Decision March 2001 Page 2) the claim that there was no room allowed for the mitigation measures is insulting! The berm was viewed as also having noise reducing properties. Have "Noise and Vibration" reviewed this?

6) Visual Resources, Cumulative Impacts and Mitigation, Visual Resources Figure 4; The Visual simulation of Full Maturity; This simulation does not represent "Vis-4 Conditions". It uses a 50' simulation. Please provide simulation at the proposed height as well as with truer representation of proposed redwood trees.

7) Visual Resources, Cumulative Impacts and Mitigation, Conclusion #2; "No plumes would occur" Air Quality page 7 proposes drift eliminators allowing greater drift. Would Vis-7 protect roads and driveways against drift?

8) Visual Resources, Cumulative Impacts and Mitigation, Conclusion #3: Why is "San Joaquin Yacht Club" being discussed? As KOP-4 of Staff Report March 2001 Page 276 & Figure 8a can confirm that "San Joaquin Yacht Harbor" is without a doubt your most immediate KOP.

9) Visual Resources, Conditions of Certification, Vis-4,d.; "irrigated until a height of 15' is achieved" How long will it take an un-irrigated 15' tree to reach maturity height? Staff Report of March 2001 proposed planting 15' tall trees, now we are not even watering them?

10) Noise, Noise-6 "~~residential receivers~~"; Did someone move the houses?

11) Noise, Noise-3, "5 dBA"; What changed at Sportsmen Yacht Club or any other OML that they should be subjected to more noise caused by PG&E? Mirant Delta LLC had promised to reduce the noise coming from the plant (Ref Prehearing Conference Transcript March 27, 2001), now because PG&E is involved we are faced with an increase in noise? That is unacceptable!

I thank you for your consideration of and response to these issues before any hearings or approvals are given.

Sincerely,



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July 24, 2007

Date

Cc: Public Adviser's Office of CEC