

BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE
**CHULA VISTA ENERGY UPGRADE
PROJECT**

Docket No. 07-AFC-4

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SITE VISIT AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING

On August 10, 2007, MMC Energy, Inc. (Applicant) submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) with the Energy Commission to construct and operate the Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project (CVEUP). The project involves replacements and upgrades of equipment at the Chula Vista Power Plant, located on a 3.8-acre parcel in the City of Chula Vista's Main Street Industrial Corridor and within the City's Light Industrial zoning district. This site is currently occupied by MMC's Chula Vista Power Plant, a 44.5 megawatt (MW) simple-cycle, natural gas-fired peaking power plant using Pratt & Whitney FT4 Twinpac™ technology.

The Energy Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to license this project and is considering the proposal under a twelve-month review process established by Public Resources Code section 25540.6.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Committee assigned to this proceeding has scheduled a public Site Visit and Informational Hearing to discuss the proposed project as described below:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2007
Public Site Visit begins at 12:30 p.m.
Public Informational Hearing begins at 2:00 p.m.
Otay Recreation Center
3554 Main St,
Chula Vista, CA 91911
Wheelchair Accessible
(Map Attached)

Members of the public are invited to join the Committee on a tour of the proposed site which is a short walk from the Informational Hearing location. For site visit reservations, please contact the Commission's Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489 or 1-800-822-6228 or e-mail at: [pao@energy.state.ca.us]. Please make your reservation on or before November 26, 2007, so that we can assure you a space.

Background

On September 26, 2007, the Energy Commission began review of the proposed Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project. The review process will take approximately twelve months. During the review period, the Energy Commission will determine whether the proposed project complies with applicable laws related to public health and safety, environmental impacts, and engineering requirements. The informational hearing scheduled by this Notice is sponsored by the Energy Commission to inform the public about the project and to invite public participation in the review process.

Project Description

The proposed CVEUP would be a nominal 100 MW peaking facility, with construction planned to begin in the fall of 2008 and commercial operation planned by the fall of 2009. Primary equipment for the generating facility would include two General Electric (GE) Energy LM6000 natural gas-fired turbine-generators and associated equipment.

This site is currently occupied by MMC's Chula Vista Power Plant, a 44.5 MW simple-cycle, natural gas-fired peaking power plant using Pratt & Whitney FT4 Twinpac™ technology. As part of the CVEUP, the existing power plant and pollution control equipment would be removed from the southern portion of the project parcel. The proposed plant would be constructed on vacant land in the northern portion of the parcel. Some of the facilities that serve the existing plant would be reused for the new power plant. These facilities include the existing transmission connection; natural gas, water, and sanitary sewer pipelines; fencing and sound attenuation wall; utility/control building; stormwater runoff retention basin; and the 12,000-gallon aqueous ammonia storage tank and tank refilling station. Once the new plant is constructed, the existing plant would be dismantled and removed. The removed power equipment would be sold for salvage and the foundations, piping, and other equipment associated with the existing plant will be recycled as appropriate.

Because the proposed CVEUP would use the existing electrical transmission, natural gas, water service, and sanitary sewer pipelines, the proposed project would have no offsite linear appurtenances. All connections of the CVEUP to linear facilities would be made on the existing site using the existing facilities.

Assuming CVEUP receives a license from the Energy Commission, the Applicant has proposed that construction of the project would start in Fall, 2008. Operation would be expected to begin in Fall, 2009.

The engineering and environmental details of the proposed project are contained in the AFC. Copies of the AFC are available at the local public agencies that are involved in the review process and at the following libraries: San Diego Public Library, California State Library, Humboldt County Library, UCLA University Research Library, Fresno County Library, San Francisco Public Library, San Diego State University Library, Chula Vista Public Library, National City Public Library, San Diego County Public Libraries at Bonita, Vista, and El Cajon Branches.

Purpose of the Site Visit and Informational Hearing

The power plant licensing process, which incorporates requirements equivalent to those of the California Environmental Quality Act, considers all relevant engineering and environmental aspects of the proposed project. The licensing review provides a public forum allowing the Applicant, Commission staff, governmental agencies, adjacent landowners, and members of the general public to consider the advantages and disadvantages of the project, and to propose changes, mitigation measures, and alternatives as necessary.

The site visit and informational hearing scheduled in this Notice provides an opportunity for members of the community in the project vicinity to obtain information, to offer comments, and to view the project site. The Applicant will explain plans for developing the project and the related facilities and the Energy Commission staff will explain the licensing process and Staff's role in reviewing the AFC.

Proposed Schedule and Issue Identification Report

To assist participants in understanding the process, Commission staff has filed a proposed schedule for project review. Staff has also filed an Issue Identification Report summarizing the major issues. This report also indicates what additional information is necessary to resolve issues of concern.

Copies of these documents will be posted on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/chulavista].

Public Adviser and Public Participation

The Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office is available to assist the public in participating in the application review process. For information on how to participate, contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or 1-800-822-6228 or e-mail: [pao@energy.state.ca.us]. If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in this event, contact Lourdes Quiroz well in advance of the hearing at 916-654-5146 or e-mail: [lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us].

Information

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Christopher Meyer, Staff Project Manager, at (916) 653-1639, or e-mail: [cmeyer@energy.state.ca.us].

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Raoul Renaud, the Hearing Officer, at (916) 651-2020, or e-mail: [rrenaud@energy.state.ca.us].

Media inquiries should be directed to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director for Media and Public Communications at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail at: [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us].

Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: [\[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/chulavista\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/chulavista).

Dated November 8, 2007, at Sacramento, California.

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