



BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
 COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 1516 NINTH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
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Application for Certification
 for the **GWF TRACY COMBINED CYCLE
 POWER PLANT PROJECT**

Docket No. 08-AFC-7

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL HEARING AND SITE VISIT

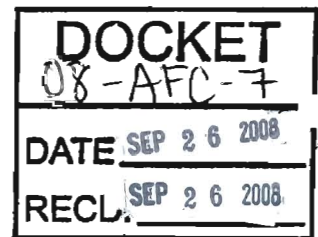
On June 30, 2008, GWF Energy, LLC, submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission to modify the existing Tracy Peaker Plant (TPP), a nominal 169-megawatt (MW) simple-cycle power plant, by converting the facility into a combined cycle power plant with a new nominal generating capacity of 314-MW. The Energy Commission licensed the existing facility on July 17, 2002; it began commercial operation on June 1, 2003. The proposed project would occupy a 16.38 acre, fenced site within the existing GWF-owned 40 acre parcel in an unincorporated portion of San Joaquin County immediately southwest of Tracy, California, and approximately 20 miles southwest of Stockton, California.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Energy Commission has designated a Committee of two commissioners to conduct proceedings on the Application. The Committee has scheduled a public Site Visit and Informational Hearing to discuss the proposed project as described below:

THURSDAY, October 23, 2008

Site Visit begins (bus leaves) at 3:00 p.m.
 Public Informational Hearing begins at 4:00 p.m.

Tracy City Hall
 333 Civic Center Plaza, 2nd Floor
 Tracy, California 95376
 (Map Attached)



Members of the public are invited to join the Committee on a tour of the proposed site. The Applicant will provide transportation to and from the site. For reservations, contact the Energy Commission 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 October 20, 2008, so that we can assure you a space.

Background

On September 10, 2008, the Energy Commission began its review of the Tracy Combined Cycle project. 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 is sponsored by the Energy Commission to inform the public about the project and to invite public participation in the review process. The Energy Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to license this project.

Project Description

The project would include the addition of two heat recovery steam generators, a steam turbine generator, an auxiliary boiler, an air-cooled dry condenser unit, and a 115 kilovolt (kV) electrical switchyard. The proposed project would use existing TPP infrastructure, including the existing natural gas pipeline, water supply pipeline, and electric transmission line. Three short segments of PG&E's 115 kV transmission system (totaling approximately 3 miles) would require reconductoring (upgraded wires to accommodate the added generating capacity). Process water would be supplied via the existing TPP pipeline from the Delta-Mendota canal by the Byron Bethany Irrigation District. The Applicant is proposed use of approximately 54.4 acre-feet per year of fresh water, an increase of 25.5 above current use.

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: Tracy Branch Library; Fair Oaks Branch Library; Margaret K. Troke Branch Library; Weston Ranch Branch Library; Cesar Chavez Central Library; Maya Angelou Southeast Branch Library.

Copies of the AFC are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento; the California State Library in Sacramento; and at public libraries in Eureka, San Francisco, Fresno, Los Angeles and San Diego.

Purpose of the Informational Hearing

The power plant licensing process, which incorporates requirements equivalent to the California Environmental Quality Act, considers all relevant engineering and environmental aspects of the proposed project. It 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 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

concerns, 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 project.

Proposed Schedule and Issue Identification Report

To assist the parties and public in understanding the process, Energy Commission staff shall file a proposed schedule for project review. Staff shall also file an Issue Identification Report summarizing the major issues. The proposed schedule and Staff's report shall be filed by **noon on October 15, 2008**. The Applicant shall file its response, if any, by **noon on October 20, 2008**.

Public Adviser and Public Participation

The Energy Commission allows members of the public and other interested parties to participate either on an informal basis or by intervening in the proceeding. Both types of participation allow written and oral comments. At the informal participation level, written and oral public comments are considered by the Commissioners and are part of the record, but are not part of the formal evidentiary record. Intervenors have the right to introduce evidence into the evidentiary record and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses.

Pursuant to the Power Plant Site Certification Regulations, California Code of Regulations, title 20, Chapter 5, Section 1711, **any person wishing to provide public comment in written or electronically recorded form in this proceeding, shall submit such materials to the Public Adviser no later than noon on October 15, 2008**. The Committee will then review the materials and specify such conditions on presentation of the materials as are reasonably necessary for the orderly and expeditious conduct of the proceeding.

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office is available to provide the public with an understanding of a proceeding and to make recommendations for meaningful participation. For assistance, contact Elena Miller, the Public Adviser, at 916-654-4489 or 800-822-6228 or e-mail at: **pao@energy.state.ca.us**.

Contact Information

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**.

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

Media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission's Media Office at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail at: mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate, please contact Lourdes Quiroz at 916-654-5146 or e-mail at: lquiroz@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: [\[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/tracy\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/tracy).

Dated September 26, 2008, at Sacramento, California.



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Commissioner and Presiding Member
Tracy AFC Committee



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Commissioner and Associate Member
Tracy AFC Committee

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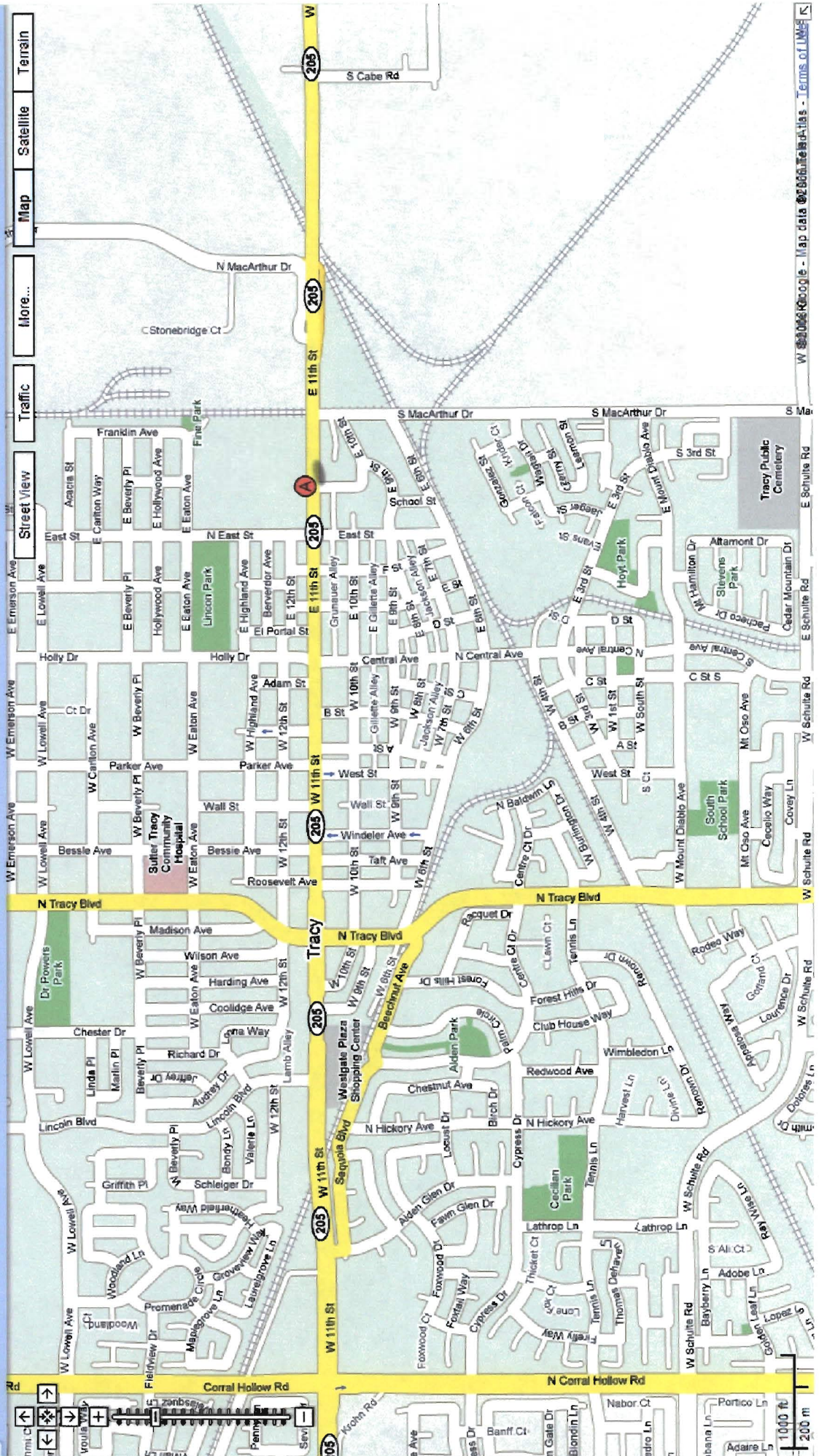
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PROOF OF SERVICE

INSTRUCTIONS: All parties shall either (1) send an original signed document plus 12 copies or (2) mail one original signed copy AND e-mail the document to the address for the Docket as shown below, AND (3) all parties shall also send a printed or electronic copy of the document, which includes a proof of service declaration to each of the individuals on the proof of service list shown below:

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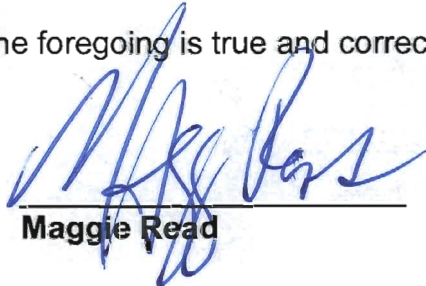
DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Maggie Read, declare that on September 26, 2008, I deposited copies of the attached Notice of Site Visit and Informational Hearing, in the United States mail at Sacramento, California with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to those identified on the Proof of Service list above.

OR

Transmission via electronic mail was consistent with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 20, sections 1209, 1209.5, and 1210. All electronic copies were sent to all those identified on the Proof of Service list above.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



Maggie Read