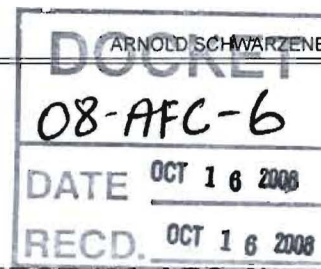


CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT
WILLOW PASS GENERATING STATION PROJECT (08-AFC-6)
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
SUPPLEMENTAL FILING**

On June 30, 2008, Mirant Willow Pass LLC (applicant) submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission to develop a nominal 550 megawatts (MW) natural gas fired power plant, in the City of Pittsburg, Contra Costa County, California. The proposed Willow Pass Generating Station (WPGS or proposed project) would be owned and operated by Willow Pass LLC. On September 26, 2008 Mirant Willow Pass LLC provided a supplement to the AFC to satisfy the Energy Commission's informational requirements. On October 8, 2008, the Energy Commission accepted the AFC with the supplemental information as complete. The staff of the Energy Commission has now begun the data discovery and analysis phases of the project's 12-month licensing process.

Project Description

The proposed project would be located in the City of Pittsburg, Contra Costa County, California; the project would be situated two miles west of the city center, on 26-acre brown-field site within the existing Pittsburg Power Plant. The Pittsburg Power Plant site is currently occupied by seven generating units, four of which are still in operation, the remaining three were retired in 2003. The proposed project would occupy the southern 23.5 acres of the 26-acre parcel. The northern 2.5-acre portion of the parcel is bordered by the Suisun Bay.

Willow Pass would consist of two, natural gas fired Siemens Flex Plant 10 generating units which utilizing dry cooling technology. The generating units, which would produce a total of 550-megawatts, would be connected to an adjacent PG&E switchyard and transmitted to PG&E's California grid.

If approved, Willow Pass would begin construction in the fall of 2009, with commercial operation commencing in the summer of 2012.

Energy Commission's Facility Certification Process

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all applications to construct and operate thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, in California. The Energy Commission's facility certification process carefully examines public health and safety, environmental impacts and engineering aspects of proposed power plants, and all related facilities such as electric transmission lines and natural gas and water pipelines. The issuance of a certificate by the Energy Commission is in lieu of any local, state, or federal permit (to the extent permitted by federal law). The Energy Commission is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), but produces several environmental and decision documents rather than an Environmental Impact Report.

Public Participation

Over the coming months, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings to determine whether the proposed project contains the information required by the Commission's data adequacy regulations (Cal. Code of Regs., Title 20, §17104) and should be approved for construction and operation and under what set of conditions. The workshops will provide the public as well as local, state and federal agencies the opportunity to participate in reviewing the proposed project. The Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings at least 10 days prior to the meeting. If you are not currently receiving these notices and want to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Maria Santourdjian Project Secretary, at (916) 654-4489, or by e-mail at MSergoya@energy.state.ca.us. Please direct your technical or project schedule questions to Ivor Benci-Woodward, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 654-3911 or by e-mail at IBenciwo@energy.state.ca.us. For more information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228. The Public Adviser's Office can also be contacted via email at pao@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989. The status of the proposed project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/carrizo>.

You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers>.

This notice of receipt has been mailed to all parties that requested placement on the mailing list during the pre-filing period and to property owners located within 1000 feet of the proposed project site. By being on the mailing list, you will receive notices of all project-related activities and notices when documents related to the proposed project's evaluation are available for review. If you want your name removed from the mailing list, please contact Maria Santourdjian, Project Secretary, at (916) 651-9410 or by e-mail at MSergoya@energy.state.ca.us.

Availability of the AFC and Supplemental Filing Document

Copies of the AFC and Supplemental Filing are available locally for public inspection at:

PITTSBURG BRANCH LIBRARY
501 W. 18TH STREET
PITTSBURG CA 94565

ANTIOCH LIBRARY
80 POWER AVENUE
ANTIOCH CA 94509

OAKLEY LIBRARY
1050 NEROLY ROAD
OAKLEY CA 94561

Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Eureka, Fresno, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego. In addition, this information has been shared with those public agencies that either also have jurisdiction over the project or would have jurisdiction except for the Energy Commission's exclusive authority to certify sites and related facilities.

Sincerely,



Eileen Allen, Manager
Siting and Compliance Office

Date: 10/16/08