CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION 1516 NINTH STREET SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-5512



## NOTICE OF INSIGNIFICANT PROJECT CHANGE TO MODIFY THE HEIGHT of the TRANSMISSION LINE POWER POLES for the WALNUT CREEK ENERGY PARK PROJECT (05-AFC-2C)

On December 23, 2008, Walnut Creek Energy, LLC, filed a petition with the California Energy Commission requesting to modify the Walnut Creek Energy Park Project. The 500-megawatt project was certified by the Energy Commission on February 27, 2008, and is expected to begin construction in the fall of 2009. The facility will be located in the City of Industry in Los Angeles County.

## DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

This Petition for Modification proposes to change the height of the generation tie-line transmission structures from 90 feet high to 135 feet high (maximum). This change is necessary for the project's generation tie-line to span several 66 kV transmission lines that are located between the project site and Southern California Edison's Walnut Substation.

## ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF REVIEW AND DETERMINATION

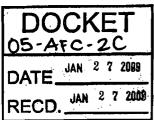
Pursuant to section 1769(a)(2), Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Energy Commission approval of the project modification is not required if Energy Commission staff determines that:

- There is no possibility that the modification may have a significant effect on the environment, and
- The modification will not result in a change to or deletion of a condition of certification, or make changes that would cause the project not to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, or standards (LORS).

Energy Commission staff has determined that the proposed modification meets these criteria because:

- The modification will not have any significant effect on the environment because all proposed modifications would be within the same facility layout diagram;
- Existing conditions of certification are sufficient to cover the proposed modification without changes to, or deletions of, any conditions of certification; and
- The project as modified will maintain full compliance with applicable LORS.

Any person may file a written objection to staff's determination within 14 days of the date of this notice on the grounds that the project modification does not meet the criteria set forth in Section 1769(a)(2). All objections must be in writing and must be sent either by U.S. mail, e-mail, or other document delivery service to Dale Rundquist, Compliance Project Manager, at the address shown below:



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Comments may be submitted by fax to (916) 654-3882, or by e-mail at <u>drundqui@energy.state.ca.us</u>. If no substantive objection is received in writing by 5:00 p.m. on February 13, 2009, the requested project modifications will be deemed approved, and a description of the change will be placed in the project file.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Dale Rundquist at (916) 651-2072, or by fax or e-mail using the above information.

Date:

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