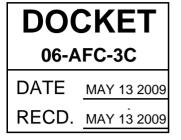
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> Jon Maring, Director Fossil Fuel Construction

Pacific Gas & Electric Company

915 Highland Pointe Drive, Suite130

May 13, 2009



## Roseville, CA, 95678 SUBJECT: HUMBOLDT BAY GENERATING STATION (06-AFC-7C) APPROVAL TO TEMPORARILY USE TWO ADDITIONAL LAYDOWN AREAS DURING CONSTRUCTION

Dear Mr. Maring:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1769(a), California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff reviewed your petition dated January 22, 2009, requesting to use two additional laydown areas, comprised of approximately 30 acres in the Fields Landing industrial area, during Humboldt Bay Generating Station project construction. Staff determined that the petition met the criteria of -section 1769(a)(2), and mailed the enclosed "Notice of Receipt" to the Energy Commission's post-certification project mailing list on April 17, 2009.

The Energy Commission did not receive any public comments regarding this requested project change within the 14-day public review period as specified in section 1769(a)(2). Therefore, your requested modification to the Humboldt Bay Generating Station construction laydown areas is approved.

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 654-4842, or e-mail me at <u>CMDavis@energy.state.ca.us</u>.

Sincerely,

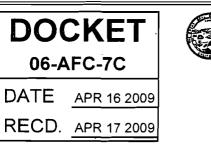
Chris Davis Compliance Project Manager Siting, Transmission & Environmental Protection Division

Enclosure

cc: Dena' Parish Joseph Sutton STATE OF CALIFORNIA - THE RESOURCES AGENCY

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## NOTICE OF RECEIPT PETITION TO MODIFY HUMBOLDT BAY GENERATING STATION PROJECT (06-AFC-7C)

On January 22, 2009, the California Energy Commission received a petition from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to modify the Humboldt Bay Generating Station Project. The 163-megawatt project was certified on September 24, 2008. Construction was initiated on January 27, 2009 and the project is 16 percent complete. The facility is located approximately three miles south of the city of Eureka, in an unincorporated part of Humboldt County.

## DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

PG&E is seeking approval to temporarily use two additional laydown areas during project construction, comprised of approximately 30 acres of primarily vacant land at the existing Fields Landing industrial area. The land, formerly used as a wood products storage area and as a laydown area for previous construction projects, now contains two abandoned structures.

## 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 determined that the proposed modification meets the criteria for staff approval because:

- The modification will not have any significant effect on the environment;
- 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 Chris Davis, Compliance Project Manager, at the address shown next page:

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> California Energy Commission 1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street, MS 2000 Sacramento, CA 95814

Comments may be submitted by fax to (916) 654-3882, or by e-mail at <u>CMDavis@energy.state.ca.us</u>. If no substantive objection is received in writing by 5:00 p.m. on May 4, 2009, the requested project modifications will be deemed approved, and a description of the change will be placed in the project file.

For further information on how to participate in any proceeding, please contact the Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at <u>publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us</u>.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Chris Davis at (916) 654-4842, or by fax or e-mail using the above information.

Date:

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