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SUBJECT: WALNUT ENERGY CENTER (02-AFC-4C):
APPROVAL OF REQUESTED MODIFICATION TO CONSTRUCT A
MICRO FILTER FEED TANK AND SHADE STRUCTURE

Dear Mr. Davies:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1769(a), the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff has reviewed your petition requesting to construct a new Micro Filter Feed Tank and shade structure dated March 9, 2010 and subsequent Supplemental Request for Staff Approved Project Modification (Supplemental Request) dated May 19, 2010. Staff has determined that the petition and Supplemental Request meet the criteria of section 1769(a)(2), and mailed the enclosed "Notice of Approval to Modify the Walnut Energy Center Project " to the Energy Commission's post-certification project mailing list on June 7, 2010.

Energy Commission staff 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 Walnut Energy Center Project description is approved.

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 654-4048, or send an e-mail tome at Ajgarcia@energy.state.ca.us.

Sincerely,

ANGELIQUE JUAREZ-GARCIA
Planner I – Compliance Unit
Siting, Transmission & Environmental
Protection Division

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Enclosure



**NOTICE OF APPROVAL
TO MODIFY THE
WALNUT ENERGY CENTER PROJECT
(02-AFC-4C)**

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On March 9, 2010, the Walnut Energy Center Authority filed a petition with the California Energy Commission requesting to modify the Walnut Energy Center Project (WEC). The 250-megawatt project was certified by the Energy Commission on February 18, 2004, and began commercial operation on February 28, 2006. The facility is located in the City of Turlock, in Stanislaus County.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

The proposed modification includes the addition of a new Micro Filter Feed Tank and shade structure. The Micro Filter Feed Tank is needed for WEC to continue to effectively operate its Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) water treatment process. The shade structure is necessary to prevent sun damage to the ZLD equipment.

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(s) 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(s) meet 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 Angelique Juarez-Garcia, Compliance Project Manager, at the address shown below:


California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street, MS 2000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comments may be submitted by fax to (916) 654-3882, or by e-mail at AJgarcia@energy.state.ca.us. If no substantive objection is received in writing by 5:00 p.m. on June 22, 2010, 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 this 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 publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Angelique Juarez-Garcia at (916) 654-4048, or by fax or e-mail using the above information.

6/1/10
Date


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