

NOTICE OF DECISION BY THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

To: California Resources Agency
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From: California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street, MS-2000
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 and Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Section 1768

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Project Name: Black Rock 1, 2, and 3 Geothermal Power Project

Energy Commission Docket Number: 02-AFC-2C

Energy Commission Contact Person: Dale Rundquist **Phone #:** (916) 651-2072

Project Location: Imperial County, California


Project Description: The original project was certified by the Energy Commission on December 17, 2003, as a 185 MW facility. CE Obsidian in May 2005 obtained Energy Commission approval of an amendment seeking to increase generating capacity to 215 MW, but project construction was delayed due to economic circumstances beyond the applicant's control.

Modification Description: CE Obsidian now requests to convert the Salton Sea Unit #6 Project to the BR123 project by constructing three separate 53 MW single-flash geothermal facilities, all sharing some common infrastructure, such as the substation connecting the facilities to the Imperial Irrigation District's (IID) transmission grid.

On February 2, 2011, the California Energy Commission approved the above-described project change pursuant to a regulatory program certified by the California Secretary of Resources under Section 21080.5 of the California Public Resources Code.

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the project.
3. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for the project.

The Commission's docket files containing the final Energy Commission Decision and other information regarding the project are available to the public at: California Energy Commission, 1516 9th Street, Sacramento, California, 95814. The final Decision and other information regarding the project are also available on the Energy Commission's web site--www.energy.ca.gov.


Signature

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