#### CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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# NOTICE OF RECEIPT PETITION TO AMEND

## THE ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE GATEWAY GENERATING STATION (00-AFC-1C)

On April 2, 2011, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed a petition with the California Energy Commission requesting to modify the Gateway Generating Station (formerly known as the Contra Costa Power Plant Unit 8). The 530-megawatt project was certified by the Energy Commission on May 30, 2001. On July 19, 2006, the Energy Commission approved the addition of PG&E as co-owner of the project with Mirant. On January 3, 2007, the Energy Commission approved PG&E's petition to remove Mirant as a co-owner and change the name of the facility to the Gateway Generating Station. The facility is located on Wilbur Avenue, east of the city of Antioch, in Contra Costa County.

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

The proposed modifications in the petition would modify the Gateway Generation Station conditions of certification to include the following reduced emissions limits:

- A NOx emission limit of 2.0 ppmv, 1-hour average, 15% O<sub>2</sub> (excluding start-ups and shut-downs)
- An annual NO<sub>x</sub> mass emission limit of 139.2 tpy rolling 12-month average
- An annual SO2 mass emission limit of 18.5 tpy rolling 12-month average
- A PM10 emission limit of 7.50 lb/hr without duct burners (0.004 lb/mmBtu) and 9.0 lb/hr with duct burners (0.004 lb/mmBtu)

The requested changes to the air quality conditions and existing license are limited to the emissions limits reductions listed above and do not otherwise involve changes in project design or operation, or new emissions modeling. These proposed modifications are necessary in order to further reduce maximum allowable emissions from the GGS and to ensure consistency between the CEC conditions of certification, the conditions of the operating permits to be issued by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), and the United States District Court's March 3, 2011 order (*United States of America v. PG&E*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 27022). As also required under the Consent Decree, PG&E has concurrently requested that the BAAQMD include these same emissions limit reductions in the Permit to Operate and Title V operating permit for the GGS.

#### **ENERGY COMMISSION REVIEW PROCEDURES**

The purpose of the Energy Commission's review process is to assess the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality, public health and safety. The review process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed changes with the Energy Commission's Decision and if the project, as modified, will remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (Title 20, Calif. Code of Regulations, section 1769). Energy Commission staff is currently analyzing the request and will publish an analysis in the near future. A public hearing for the purpose of approving or denying the amendment proposal will subsequently be held at a regularly scheduled Energy Commission business meeting.

This Notice of Receipt is being mailed to property owners adjacent to the project site and interested parties who may want to participate in the amendment process. If you wish to be removed from the Gateway Generating Station Amendment project mailing list, please check the box on the enclosed form and return it to the address shown.

The petition is available on the Energy Commission's website <a href="http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/gateway/compliance/index.html">http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/gateway/compliance/index.html</a>. The staff analysis (when published), will also be posted on the website. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the petition and/or staff's analysis, please complete the enclosed Information Request Form and return it to the address shown.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Christina Snow, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 651-3770, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at: <a href="mailto:csnow@energy.state.ca.us">csnow@energy.state.ca.us</a> within 14 days of the date of this notice.

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 <a href="mailto:pao@energy.state.ca.us">pao@energy.state.ca.us</a>. If you require special accommodations, please contact Lourdes Quiroz at (916) 654-5146. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us">mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us</a>.

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