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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT
PETITION TO
EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR
COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION
FOR THE
BLACK ROCK 1, 2, & 3 GEOTHERMAL PROJECT (02-AFC-2C)**

On August 2, 2011, CE Obsidian Energy, LLC (CE Obsidian) filed a petition with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) requesting to extend the deadline to commence construction for the Black Rock 1, 2, & 3 Project. The 159-megawatt geothermal project was certified by the Energy Commission on December 17, 2003, and is expected to begin construction in the fourth quarter of 2012. The facility will be located in Imperial County approximately 1000 feet southeast of the Salton Sea.

The petition proposes to extend the deadline to commence construction for three years from December 18, 2011 to December 18, 2014.

ENERGY COMMISSION REVIEW PROCEDURES

The deadline to commence construction, set by regulation, is otherwise five years from the effective date of the Energy Commission's final decision on the application for certification. An applicant, before the deadline, may request and the Commission may order, an extension for good cause (Cal. Code Regs., tit.20, §1720.3). The purpose of the Energy Commission review process is to determine whether the project owner has shown good cause justifying the extension of the deadline to commence construction. 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 petition will subsequently be held at a regularly scheduled business meeting.

This Notice of Receipt is being mailed to interested parties and property owners adjacent to the project site who may want to participate in the amendment process.

The petition is available on the Energy Commission's website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/saltonsea/compliance/index.html>. 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 Dale Rundquist, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 651-2072, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at: drundqui@energy.state.ca.us within 30 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 publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to the Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

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INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMMISSION DECISION TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION:

PLEASE CHECK THE DOCUMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE:

- PETITION TO AMEND
- STAFF ANALYSIS
- COMMISSION ORDER

PROJECT: BLACK ROCK 1, 2, AND 3 GEOTHERMAL POWER PROJECT

DOCKET NO: 02-AFC-2C

MAIL LIST NO: 7156

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