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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION
 AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

DOCKET**02-AFC-2C**DATE DEC 14 2011RECD. DEC 15 2011**In the Matter of:****BLACK ROCK 1, 2, AND 3
 GEOTHERMAL POWER PROJECT****CE Obsidian Energy, LLC**

) **Docket No. 02-AFC-2C**
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) **Order No. 11-1214-5**
) **ORDER APPROVING a Petition to Extend**
) **the Deadline for Commencement of**
) **Construction**
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The proposed Black Rock 1, 2, and 3 Geothermal Power Plant (Black Rock 1, 2, and 3), owned by CE Obsidian Energy, LLC, (CE Obsidian) is a 159-megawatt geothermal power plant near Calipatria, California, and is located approximately 1000 feet from the Salton Sea in Imperial County. Black Rock 1, 2, and 3 was certified by the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) on December 17, 2003. A previous Petition to Extend Deadline for Commencement of Construction Commission for 3 years, from December 18, 2008 to December 18, 2011, was approved by the Energy Commission on December 19, 2007. An amendment was approved by the Energy Commission on February 2, 2011, significantly revising the project, and changing the name from the Salton Sea Unit 6 Geothermal Project to Black Rock 1, 2, and 3 Geothermal project.

On August 2, 2011, the project owner filed a Petition to Extend the Deadline to Commence Construction for Black Rock 1, 2, and 3 from December 18, 2011 to December 18, 2014.

This matter was heard at the regularly scheduled Business Meeting held on December 14, 2011 at which time staff and petitioner addressed the California Energy Commission.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Energy Commission staff reviewed the petition and finds that it complies with the requirements of Title 20, Section 1769(a) of the California Code of Regulations and recommends approval of CE Obsidian's petition to modify the Black Rock 1, 2, & 3 Project.

ENERGY COMMISSION FINDINGS

Based on staff's analysis, the Energy Commission concludes that the proposed changes will not result in any significant impact to public health and safety, or the environment. The Energy Commission finds that:

- The petition meets all the filing criteria of Title 20, section 1769(a) of the California Code of Regulations concerning post-certification project modifications;
- The modification will not change the findings in the Energy Commission's Final Decision pursuant to Title 20, section 1755; and
- The project will remain in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards, subject to the provisions of Public Resources Code section 25525.

CONCLUSION AND ORDER

The California Energy Commission hereby adopts Staff's attached recommendations and approves the extension of the deadline to commence construction for the Black Rock 1, 2, & 3 Project from December 18, 2011 to December 18, 2014.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

CERTIFICATION

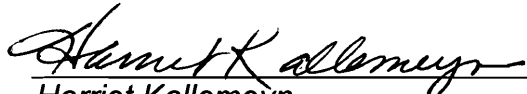
The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on December 14, 2011.

AYE: Weisenmiller, Boyd, Douglas, Peterman

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Harriet Kallemeyn,
Secretariat