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**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
PETITION TO MODIFY THE GEN-TIE CONNECTION  
FOR THE WALNUT CREEK ENERGY PARK  
(05-AFC-2C)**

A petition has been filed with the California Energy Commission by Walnut Creek Energy, LLC, requesting to modify the Walnut Creek Energy Park (WCEP). The 500-megawatt project was certified by the Energy Commission on February 27, 2008, with construction commencing on June 1, 2011. The facility is located at approximately 911 Bixby Drive in the City of Industry, Los Angeles County.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS**

The modifications proposed in the petition would include the addition of two adjacent portions of Southern California Edison (SCE) transmission line easements to the project; add related equipment modifications necessary to change the electricity generation interconnection structures (poles) configuration; reduce the number of offsite transmission poles and increase their height; and change the height of one onsite transmission pole. The petition to modify the Gen-Tie connection can be reviewed at:

[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/walnutcreek/compliance/2011-11-30\\_Petition\\_for\\_Modification\\_6-Electricity\\_Generation\\_Interconnection\\_Modifications\\_TN-63063.pdf](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/walnutcreek/compliance/2011-11-30_Petition_for_Modification_6-Electricity_Generation_Interconnection_Modifications_TN-63063.pdf)

**ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF REVIEW AND DETERMINATION**

Pursuant to section 1769(a)(2), Title 20, California Code of Regulations, “(w)here staff determines that there is no possibility that the modifications may have a significant effect on the environment, and if the modifications will not result in a change or deletion of a condition adopted by the commission in the final decision or make changes that would cause the project not to comply with any applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, or standards, no commission approval is required ...”

Energy Commission staff has determined that approval by the full Commission is not required and the proposed modifications meet the criteria for approval at the staff level 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 Bruce Boyer, Compliance Project Manager, at the address shown below:

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Comments may be submitted by fax to (916) 654-3882 or by e-mail at **bboyer@energy.state.ca.us**. If no substantive objection is received in writing, the requested project modifications will be deemed approved.

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](mailto: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](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Bruce Boyer at (916) 653-7181 or by fax or e-mail using the above information.

Date: January 23, 2011

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