

DOCKET

11-AFC-3

DATE JUN 15 2012

RECD. JUN 15 2012

June 15, 2012

Mr. Eric Solorio
California Energy Commission
Docket No. 11-AFC-3
1516 9th St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

Cogentrix Quail Brush Generation Project - Docket Number 11-AFC-3, Applicant's Monthly Status Report for the Quail Brush Power Project

Docket Clerk:

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 20, California Code of Regulation, and on behalf of Quail Brush Genco, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cogentrix Energy, LLC, Tetra Tech hereby submits the *Applicant's Monthly Status Report* for the Quail Brush Power Project (11-AFC-3). The Quail Brush generation Project is a 100 megawatt natural gas fired electric generation peaking facility to be located in the City of San Diego, California.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Rick Neff at (704) 525-3800 or me at (303) 980-3653.

Sincerely,

Constance E. Farmer Project Manager/Tetra Tech

Constance C. Faire

cc: Lori Ziebart, Cogentrix

John Collins, Cogentrix

Rick Neff, Cogentrix Proof of Service List



BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

1516 NINTH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814 1-800-822-6228 – www.energy.ca.gov

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE QUAIL BRUSH GENERATION PROJECT

DOCKET NO. 11-AFC-03
PROOF OF SERVICE
(Revised 6/6/2012)

APPLICANT

Cogentrix Energy, LLC
C. Richard "Rick" Neff, Vice President
Environmental, Health & Safety
9405 Arrowpoint Boulevard
Charlotte, NC 28273
rickneff@cogentrix.com

Cogentrix Energy, LLC
John Collins
Lori Ziebart
9405 Arrowpoint Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28273
johncollins@cogentrix.com
loriziebart@cogentrix.com

APPLICANT'S CONSULTANTS

Tetra Tech EC, Inc.
Connie Farmer
Sr. Environmental Project Manager
143 Union Boulevard, Suite 1010
Lakewood, CO 80228
connie.farmer@tetratech.com

Tetra Tech EC, Inc.
Barry McDonald
VP Solar Energy Development
17885 Von Karmen Avenue, Ste. 500
Irvine, CA 92614-6213
e-mail service preferred
barry.mcdonald@tetratech.com

COUNSEL FOR APPLICANT

Bingham McCutchen LLP
Ella Foley Gannon
Camarin Madigan
Three Embarcadero Center
San Francisco, CA 94111-4067
e-mail service preferred
ella.gannon@bingham.com
camarin.madigan@bingham.com

INTERVENORS

Roslind Varghese 9360 Leticia Drive Santee, CA 92071 roslindv@gmail.com

Rudy Reyes 8527 Graves Avenue, #120 Santee, CA 92071 rreyes2777@hotmail.com

Dorian S. Houser 7951 Shantung Drive Santee, CA 92071 e-mail service preferred dhouser@cox.net

Kevin Brewster 8502 Mesa Heights Road Santee, CA 92071 Izpup@yahoo.com

Phillip M. Connor Sunset Greens Home Owners Association 8752 Wahl Street Santee, CA 92071 connorphil48@yahoo.com

INTERESTED AGENCIES

California ISO
<u>e-mail service preferred</u>
<u>e-recipient@caiso.com</u>

City of Santee
Department of Development Services
Melanie Kush
Director of Planning
10601 Magnolia Avenue, Bldg. 4
Santee, CA 92071
mkush@ci.santee.ca.us

Morris E. Dye
Development Services Dept.
City of San Diego
1222 First Avenue, MS 501
San Diego, CA 92101
mdye@sandiego.gov

Mindy Fogg
Land Use Environmental Planner
Advance Planning
County of San Diego
Department of Planning & Land Use
5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B
San Diego, CA 92123
e-mail service preferred
Mindy.Fogg@sdcounty.ca.gov

<u>ENERGY COMMISSION –</u> DECISIONMAKERS

KAREN DOUGLAS
Commissioner and
Presiding Member
e-mail service preferred
Karen.Douglas@energy.ca.gov

*ANDREW McALLISTER
Commissioner and
Associate Member
andrew.mcallister@energy.ca.gov

Raoul Renaud Hearing Adviser <u>e-mail service preferred</u> Raoul.Renaud@energy.ca.gov

Galen Lemei
Presiding Member's Advisor
<u>e-mail service preferred</u>
Galen.Lemei@energy.ca.gov

*David Hungerford Associate Member's Advisor david.hungerford@energy.ca.gov

ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF

Eric Solorio
Project Manager
Eric.Solorio@energy.ca.gov

Stephen Adams
Staff Counsel
e-mail service preferred
Stephen.Adams@energy.ca.gov

Eileen Allen Commissioners' Technical Adviser for Facility Siting <u>e-mail service preferred</u> Eileen.Allen@energy.ca.gov

<u>ENERGY COMMISSION –</u> <u>PUBLIC ADVISER</u>

Jennifer Jennings
Public Adviser's Office
<u>e-mail service preferred</u>
PublicAdviser@energy.ca.gov

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

Appl acco	onstance Farmer, declare that on _June 15, 2012, I served and filed a copy of the licant's Monthly Status Report for the Quail Brush Power Project (11-AFC-3). This document is ompanied by the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: ://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/quailbrush/index.html].	
The document has been sent to the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit or Chief Counsel, as appropriate, in the following manner:		
•	eck all that Apply) service to all other parties:	
\boxtimes	Served electronically to all e-mail addresses on the Proof of Service list;	
	Served by delivering on this date, either personally, or for mailing with the U.S. Postal Service with first- class postage thereon fully prepaid, to the name and address of the person served, for mailing that same day in the ordinary course of business; that the envelope was sealed and placed for collection and mailing on that date to those addresses NOT marked "e-mail preferred."	
AND		
For filing with the Docket Unit at the Energy Commission:		
\boxtimes	by sending an electronic copy to the e-mail address below (preferred method); OR	
	by depositing an original and 12 paper copies in the mail with the U.S. Postal Service with first class postage thereon fully prepaid, as follows:	
	CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION – DOCKET UNIT Attn: Docket No. 11-AFC-3 1516 Ninth Street, MS-4 Sacramento, CA 95814-5512 docket@energy.state.ca.us	
OR,	if filing a Petition for Reconsideration of Decision or Order pursuant to Title 20, § 1720:	
	Served by delivering on this date one electronic copy by e-mail, and an original paper copy to the Chief Counsel at the following address, either personally, or for mailing with the U.S. Postal Service with first class postage thereon fully prepaid:	
	California Energy Commission Michael J. Levy, Chief Counsel 1516 Ninth Street MS-14 Sacramento, CA 95814 mlevy@energy.state.ca.us	
corre	clare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and ect, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 s and not a party to the proceeding.	

Constance C. Farm



Memorandum

To: Commissioner Karen Douglas, Presiding Member

Commissioner Andrew McAllister, Associate Member

From: Connie Farmer, Tetra Tech EC, Inc. on behalf of Quail Brush Genco, LLC

Date: June 15, 2012

Subject: Quail Brush Generation Project Status Report (Docket No. 11-AFC-03)

Per the Committee Scheduling Order for the Quail Brush Generation Project (Project), monthly status reports will be prepared to inform the Committee whether or not case development is progressing satisfactorily, and to bring potential schedule delays and other relevant matters to the Committee's attention. This status report is the fourth status report for the Project, and includes a summary of completed Project milestones, upcoming Project deliverables, and potential Project schedule delays since the submittal of the previous status report on May 15, 2012. I have reviewed this status report with Eric Solorio, California Energy Commission (CEC) Project Manager. Eric Solorio will provide the Commissioners with a separate status report from CEC staff.

Quail Brush Completed Project Milestones:

Since the previous status report on May 15, 2012, Quail Brush has met the following Project milestones:

- 1. The Applicant's Initial Response to Dorian Houser's Intervenor Data Requests, 1 through 27 was docketed on May 29, 2012.
- 2. The Applicant's Initial Response to Kevin Brewster's Intervenor Data Requests 1 through 31 was docketed on May 31, 2012.
- 3. The Quino Checkerspot Butterfly Protocol Survey Report, Cogentrix Quail Brush Generation Project, City of San Diego, San Diego County, California, was docketed on June 1, 2012, in response to CEC data request 29. The report contained the map depicting locations of host plants for Quino checkerspot butterfly adults and larvae found (there were none observed) during the surveys, in response to CEC Data Request 30.
- 4. The Applicant's Initial Response to Sunset Greens Intervenor Data Requests, 1 through 52 was docketed on June 1, 2012.
- 5. The Applicant's Initial Response to CEC Data Requests, 71 through 74 was docketed on June 4, 2012.

Commissioner Karen Douglas, Presiding Member Commissioner Andrew McAllister, Associate Member Cogentrix Quail Brush Generation Project Status Memorandum (11-AFC-03)

Page 2 of 4

- 6. The Quail Brush Genco, LLC's Response to Intervenor Dorian Houser's Data Requests, 1 through 27 was docketed on June 5, 2012.
- 7. The Response to Kevin Brewster's Intervenor Data Requests, 6, 14, and 24 through 31 was docketed on June 11, 2012.
- 8. The Response to Sunset Greens HOA Intervenor Data Requests was docketed on June 12, 2012.

Upcoming Project Deliverables:

As discussed at the April 30, 2012 and May 29, 2012 status conferences, Quail Brush is in the process of modifying the power plant to address public concerns regarding visual impacts. Quail Brush has also had further discussions with San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) regarding the Project gen tie line. Quail Brush is preparing a Supplement 3 to the AFC to describe these changes and the potential resource impacts associated with them. In the May 15, 2012 status report and as discussed at the April and May status conferences, Quail Brush had initially estimated submitting Supplement 3 to the CEC by June 15, 2012; this submittal date has been revised to June 22, 2012.

Quail Brush provided updated delivery dates for some of the outstanding CEC Staff Data Requests at the May 29, 2012 status conference.

The following is a list of upcoming Project deliverables, including deliverables due from the Applicant prior to the next status report (July 15) as well as an update on responses to data requests for which Quail Brush has been unable to provide an anticipated response date due to the necessary involvement of other agencies.

- Quail Brush expects to be able to provide Emission Reduction Credits, mitigation information and an updated table of expected emissions in response to Data Request 2 by July 30, 2012. The additional time is necessary to assure that the information proposed conforms with the results of the revised air modeling that supports Supplement 3...
- Quail Brush expects to be able to provide proposed CEQA mitigation for non-attainment pollutants and precursor emissions in response to Data Request 3 by July 30, 2012.
- As described in the May status report, there are no cumulative projects identified and no additional cumulative impacts modeling is therefore required. The single source analysis was docketed with the CEC on April 13, 2012 in the Cogentrix Quail Brush Generation Project Docket Number 11-AFC-3, Data Request Responses to Set 1: Data Requests 22 through 24. This single source analysis will be used to provide mitigation strategies for potential nitrogen deposition impacts in response to Data Request 25. Due to the site

Commissioner Karen Douglas, Presiding Member Commissioner Andrew McAllister, Associate Member Cogentrix Quail Brush Generation Project Status Memorandum (11-AFC-03)

Page 3 of 4

reconfiguration, i.e., power block movement, base elevation change, and lower stack heights that will be described in Supplement 3 to the AFC, the nitrogen deposition analysis for QBPP will be revised and re-submitted to the CEC by July 9, 2012.

- As described previously in connection with Data Request 27, on March 2, 2012, Quail
 Brush submitted to the USACE the Draft Waters and Wetlands Technical Report, which
 concluded that no formal wetland determination is required. Quail Brush will docket the
 USACE response, when it is received. If deemed necessary by the USACE, Tetra Tech
 will complete a Determination Package and submit for a formal determination.
- In response to Data Request 38, Quail Brush will provide copies of application materials to the CEC at the time that the application package is submitted to the City. Quail Brush anticipates submitting the application package after the City's Planning Commission hearing that has been continued to June 28, 2012.
- Provided the City of San Diego Planning Commission approves Quail Brush's
 application to initiate a Community Plan Amendment, Quail Brush expects to receive the
 necessary confirmation from the City to respond to Data Request 40 regarding the
 hydromodification plan. The City's Planning Commission hearing to consider initiation of
 the Community Plan Amendment was continued to June 28, 2012. A conceptual
 hydromodification plan will be submitted to the CEC as part of the AFC Supplement 3.
- To respond to Data Request 58, Quail Brush continues to pursue confirmation of absence of or mitigation for any potential impacts on the local fire district. As discussions continue, Quail Brush will provide the CEC with updates regarding timing of submittal of this information.
- To respond to Data Request 74, a Fire Emergency Plan is currently being prepared for the Project. Quail Brush anticipates submitting the Fire Emergency Plan to the CEC by July 9, 2012.

Potential Project Schedule Delays:

The Committee Scheduling Order for the Project included a request to bring potential schedule delays to the Committee's attention. A list of issues that may result in schedule delays and the rationale for these potential delays is listed below. These potential delay issues were included in Applicant's May 15, 2012 status report.

- The biological resources technical report, which is anticipated to be submitted by July 9, 2012;
- The hydromodification plan that satisfies the City's requirements (as described in the CEC Staff's Data Request #40);

Commissioner Karen Douglas, Presiding Member
Commissioner Andrew McAllister, Associate Member
Cogentrix Quail Brush Generation Project Status Memorandum (11-AFC-03)

Page 4 of 4

 Copies of the application materials submitted to the City of San Diego (as discussed in connection with CEC Staff's Data Request #38), which is anticipated to be completed after the City's Planning Commission hearing on June 28, 2012, provided the Planning Commission approves the request to submit the application;

Additionally, the Committee's Schedule for the Quail Brush Generation Project, which was dated March 5, 2012, contemplated APCD's issuance of its Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) on May 11, 2012. As mentioned at the April 30, 2012 status conference, the PDOC is now expected to be completed by the end of July 2012.

Attached to this status report is an updated Quail Brush schedule.

Quail Brush Revised Schedule

June 15, 2012

Activity	Calendar Day
Status Conference	May 29, 2012
Applicant provides Quino checkerspot butterfly protocol survey	June 1, 2012
results in response to Data Request 29	
Applicant provides map depicting locations of host plants for	June 1, 2012
Quino checkerspot butterfly adults and larvae found during the	
surveys in response to Data Request 30	
Applicant provides responses to Dorian Houser's (Intervenor)	June 5, 2012
Data Requests 1 through 27	
Applicant provides responses to Kevin Brewster's (Intervenor)	June 11, 2012
Data Requests 1 through 31	
Applicant provides responses to Sunset Greens HOA (Intervenor)	June 13, 2012
Data Requests 1 through 52	
Applicant provides responses to CEC Staff Data Requests 71	June 13, 2012
through 74 (Set 4)	
Status Reports	June 15, 2012
Applicant files Supplement 3 to the AFC	June 22, 2012
Status Conference	June 25, 2012
Workshop (as necessary)	June 28, 2012
Applicant provides Emission Reduction Credits, mitigation	July 30, 2012
information and an updated table of expected emissions in	
response to Data Request 2	
Applicant provides proposed CEQA mitigation for non-attainment	July 30, 2012
pollutants and precursor emissions in response to Data Request 3	
Workshop (as necessary)	July 26, 2012
Applicant submits Comprehensive Biological Survey(s) Report	July 9, 2012
Applicant submits revised air quality modeling package	July 9, 2012
Applicant submit Fire Emergency Plan	July 9, 2012
SDAPCD issues Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC)	July 31, 2012
Status Reports	August 15, 2012
Status Conference (if needed)	TBD
Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) filed	September 20, 2012
SDAPCD issues Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC)	September 20, 2012
Preliminary Staff Assessment workshops(s)	September 27, 2012q
Public and agency comments on PSA due	October 10, 2012
Final Staff Assessment filed	November 29, 2012
Prehearing conference	TBD
Evidentiary hearings	TBD
Committee files Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD)	TBD
Hearing on PMPD	TBD
Committee files errata or revised PMPD (if necessary)	TBD
Commission issues final Decision	TBD