



BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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**AMENDED APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION  
FOR THE  
HYDROGEN ENERGY CALIFORNIA PROJECT**

**Docket No. 08-AFC-08A**

California Energy Commission

**DOCKETED  
08-AFC-8A**

TN # 69321

JAN. 30 2013

**REVISED COMMITTEE SCHEDULING ORDER**

**Background**

On July 31, 2008, Hydrogen Energy International, LLC (HEI) filed an Application for Certification (AFC) seeking authority to construct and operate the Hydrogen Energy California Project (HECA), an integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) power generating facility rated at a nominal gross generating capacity of 390 megawatts (MW). To avoid conflict with habitat for endangered species in the original location for the project, HEI retracted the original AFC and filed a revised application on May 28, 2009, for the same project to be built at a different location. An Informational Hearing and Site Visit were conducted on September 16, 2009. The proposed HECA would be located near the unincorporated community of Tupman in western Kern County, California, seven miles west of the city limit of Bakersfield.

SCS Energy California, LLC acquired 100 percent ownership of HECA, LLC in September, 2011, undertook the re-design of some aspects of the project, and submitted an Amended AFC in May 2012. The Energy Commission assigned a Committee of two Commissioners to conduct proceedings on the AFC. The Committee held a public Site Visit and Informational Hearing at the Elk Hills School in Tupman on July 12, 2012, to discuss the review process and to identify issues that could affect the schedule. Pursuant to Title 20, of the California Code of Regulations, section 1709.7(c), the Committee issued a Scheduling Order based on Staff's proposed schedule and related discussions at the Informational Hearing.

The attached revised schedule is based upon information submitted by the parties in status reports, and at the Status Conference held January 16, 2013, concerning their progress in reviewing the AFC. It contains a list of events that must occur in order to complete the certification process.

This revised schedule covers the period up to the Prehearing Conference with the balance of the schedule to be determined at the Prehearing Conference. The Committee encourages the parties to consider this schedule an outer boundary and

make their best efforts to complete the milestones ahead of these dates. Some deadlines may be contingent upon reviews to be conducted by federal, state, and local agencies. The Applicant must provide sufficient review time for the responsible agencies to meet the deadlines specified in the schedule.

### **Status Reports**

The attached schedule requires status reports to be submitted by all parties. Status reports shall inform the Committee whether or not case development is progressing satisfactorily, and bring potential schedule delays and other relevant matters to the Committee's attention.

The reports shall be received by the other parties and the Commission's Docket Unit, 1516 Ninth Street, MS-4, Sacramento, California 95814-5512, **and must be filed no later than 3:00 p.m.** on the due date. Status reports must contain "Docket No. 08-AFC-08A" in the caption or heading. The parties shall e-mail their status reports to those with e-mail addresses as indicated on the Service List.

### **Public Adviser and Public Participation**

The Energy Commission invites members of the public and other interested parties to participate either on an informal basis or by intervening in the proceeding. Both types of participation allow written and oral comments. At the informal participation level, written and oral public comments are considered by the Commissioners and are part of the record, but are not part of the formal evidentiary record. Intervenors have the right to introduce evidence into the evidentiary record and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses.

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office is available to provide the public with an understanding of a proceeding and to make recommendations for meaningful participation. For assistance, contact Blake Roberts, the Assistant Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or 800-822-6228 or e-mail at: [publicadviser@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadviser@energy.ca.gov).

### **Contact Information**

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Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet webpage at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hydrogenenergy/notices/index.html>.

Dated: January 30, 2013, at Sacramento, California.

***Original Signed By:***

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KAREN DOUGLAS  
Commissioner and Presiding Member  
Hydrogen Energy California Project  
AFC Committee

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AFC Committee

**JANUARY 2013  
REVISED HECA COMMITTEE SCHEDULE**

	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Amended Application for Certification was submitted	05-02-12
2	Informational Hearing and Site Visit	07-12-12
3	Committee Status Conference	01-16-13
9	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) issues Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC)	02-01-13
10	<b>Parties file Status Reports</b>	03-01-13
11	Preliminary Staff Assessment/ Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PSA/DEIS) filed	03-15-13
12	SJVAPCD issues Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC)	03-18-13
13	PSA/DEIS workshop to be held in Buttonwillow (to be noticed; date is approximate)	03-29-13
14	Committee Conference on the PSA/DEIS (to be noticed; date is approximate)	04-17-13
14	Comments on PSA/DEIS are due; <b>Parties file Status Reports</b>	04-29-13
15	Final Staff Assessment/Final Environmental Impact Assessment FSA/FEIS filed	05-15-13
16	Comments on FSA/FEIS are due	07-01-13
17	Prehearing Conference*	TBD
18	Evidentiary Hearings*	TBD
19	Committee files Presiding Member's Proposed Decision*	TBD
20	Hearing on the PMPD*	TBD
21	Commission issues final Decision*	TBD

**\*Items 17 through 21 will be scheduled by the Committee  
TBD – to be determined**



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### DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Maggie Read, declare that on January 30, 2013, I served and filed copies of the attached REVISED COMMITTEE SCHEDULING ORDER, dated January 30, 2013. This document is accompanied by the most recent Proof of Service, which I copied from the web page for this project at:  
[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hydrogen\\_energy/](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hydrogen_energy/).

The document has been sent to the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service) and to the Commission's Docket Unit, as appropriate, in the following manner:

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- X   I e-mailed the document to all e-mail addresses on the Service List above and personally delivered it or deposited it in the US mail with first class postage to those parties noted above as "hard copy required"; **OR**
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am over the age of 18 years.

Dated: January 30, 2013

**Original Signed By:**

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