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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT  
PETITION TO AMEND  
THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION for the  
BOTTLE ROCK GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANT PROJECT (79-AFC-4C)**

On March 8, 2013, Bottle Rock Power, LLC, (BRP) filed a petition with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) requesting modification of the Bottle Rock Geothermal Power Plant's (Bottle Rock) decommissioning Conditions of Certification (COCs). Originally owned by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), the 55-megawatt project was certified on November 5, 1980. On April 26, 1993, the Energy Commission granted DWR's petition to suspend Bottle Rock operations due to a lack of steam. In an order dated May 30, 2001, the Energy Commission approved Bottle Rock's ownership transfer from DWR to the Bottle Rock Power Corporation. On December 13, 2006, the Energy Commission approved Bottle Rock's restart of operations and ownership transfer from the Bottle Rock Power Corporation to the BRP. The facility is located in the unincorporated area of Cobb Mountain, in Lake County, California.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION**

This petition proposes deleting language in the Energy Commission's 2001 Order requiring the parties to "strictly adhere" to terms of the Bottle Rock Purchase Agreement, including maintenance of a \$5 million closure bond and a \$10 million environmental impairment insurance policy. Additionally, the modifications would delete existing Biology (5-2), Soils (8-4), and Civil Engineering (9-5) decommissioning requirements and replace them with three updated Compliance COCs for planned and unplanned closures, and one new "Decommissioning Financial Assurances" COC.

**ENERGY COMMISSION AMENDMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES**

The purpose of the Energy Commission's review process is to assess the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality and on public health and safety. The review process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed changes with the Energy Commission's Decision and a determination on whether the project, as modified, will remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1769). 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, denying, or modifying the amendment proposal will be held at a regularly scheduled Energy Commission 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/bottlerock/documents/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 Camille Remy Obad, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-3940, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at: [Camille.Remy-Obad@energy.ca.gov](mailto:Camille.Remy-Obad@energy.ca.gov).

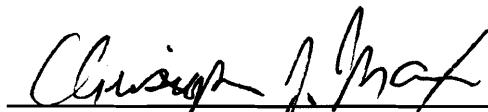
Any person may file written comments on the Petition to Amend. All comments must be in writing and must be sent to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit. Please include the docket number (79-AFC-4C) in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Those submitting comments electronically should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document Format (PDF) to [docket@energy.ca.gov](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov). Please include your name or your organization's name in the file name. Those preparing non-electronic written comments should mail or hand-deliver them to:

California Energy Commission  
Dockets Unit, MS-4  
Docket No. 79-AFC-4C  
1516 Ninth Street  
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All written comments and all materials filed with the Dockets Unit will become part of the public record of the proceeding, and comments may be posted to the website.

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.ca.gov](mailto:publicadviser@energy.ca.gov). News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov).

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**INFORMATION REQUEST FORM**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMMISSION DECISION TO:**

**PLEASE CHECK THE DOCUMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE:**

- PETITION TO AMEND     on CD (if available)  
 STAFF ANALYSIS     on CD (if available)

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