



BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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**BOTTLE ROCK GEOTHERMAL
POWER PLANT AMENDMENT**

DOCKET No. 79-AFC-4C

California Energy Commission

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SITE VISIT
AND
COMMITTEE CONFERENCE**

Bottle Rock Power, LLC (BRP) filed a Petition to Amend the Energy Commission Decision for the Bottle Rock Geothermal Power Plant Project (Project) on March 8, 2013. The Project is located in the unincorporated area of Cobb Mountain in Lake County, California, at 7385 High Valley Road, Cobb, California.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Committee assigned to this proceeding has scheduled a Public Site Visit and Committee Conference as described below:

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2013

Public Site Visit begins at 3:00 p.m.
Committee Conference begins at 5:00 p.m.

Bottle Rock Geothermal Power Plant Project
Multipurpose Room
7385 High Valley Road
Cobb, CA 95426
(Map Attached)

Members of the public are invited to join the Committee on a tour to view the existing power plant site before the Committee Conference. For site visit reservations, please contact the Commission's Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or 1-800-822-6228 or e-mail: publicadviser@energy.ca.gov. Please make your reservation on or before **May 27, 2013** so that we can assure you a space.

Please note that, due to security protocols at this active power generating facility, the taking of photographs is prohibited, and firearms, weapons or other hazardous items are not allowed. In addition, attendees must provide a government issued picture ID.



TELECONFERENCE OPTION: *Parties and the Public may attend the Committee Conference in person at the above location or by telephone and/or by computer via our "WebEx" web conferencing system. For details on how to participate by WebEx, please see the "Participation through WebEx" directions attached to this Notice.*

Background and Amendment Description

The Project is a 55-megawatt electricity generating facility powered by geothermal steam. It was originally owned by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and was certified (permitted) by the Energy Commission on November 5, 1980. In 1993, operations were suspended due to insufficient steam. In 2001, DWR sold the Project to a predecessor to the current owner. The Commission's order approving that change of ownership incorporated provisions from the purchase agreement between the buyer and seller requiring a \$5 million closure bond and a \$10 million environmental impairment insurance policy. Operations restarted in 2006.

In August 2012, BRP and DWR agreed among themselves to eliminate the requirements for the bond and insurance. David Coleman filed a complaint with the Energy Commission alleging that the agreement violated the Conditions of Certification. Following a hearing, the Committee assigned to consider the complaint decided that the Commission's requirement of a bond and insurance was not affected by the BRP-DWR agreement and remained in effect. BRP was ordered to reinstate the bond or, alternatively, to petition to amend the requirements. BRP filed its Petition to Amend within the time provided in the Committee's decision. BRP also appealed the Committee's decision to the full Energy Commission; consideration of that appeal has been stayed until the amendment petition is decided.

This Petition to Amend proposes removal of the bond and insurance requirements from the 2001 order. Conditions of Certification in Biology (5-2), Soils (8-4), and Civil Engineering (9-5) regarding decommissioning requirements would be replaced with three updated Conditions addressing planned and unplanned closures. A new "Decommissioning Financial Assurances" Condition would be added.

Licensing Jurisdiction

The California Energy Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to license this project and is considering the amendment under a review process established by Section 1769 of its regulations, Title 20, Division 2, Chapter 5, California Code of Regulations. The power plant licensing and amendment process, which incorporates requirements equivalent to those of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), considers all relevant engineering and environmental aspects of the proposed project. The amendment review provides a public forum allowing the Applicant, Commission staff, governmental agencies, adjacent landowners, and members of the public to consider

the advantages and disadvantages of the amendment, and to propose changes, mitigation measures, and alternatives as necessary.

Copies of the Petition to Amend are available at the local public agencies that are involved in the review process and at the following libraries:

Lakeport Main Library
1425 N. High Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

Healdsburg Branch Library
139 Piper Street
Healdsburg, CA 95448

Redbud Library
14785 Burns Valley Road
Clearlake, CA 95422

Windsor Branch Library
9291 Old Redwood Hwy., Building 100
Windsor, CA 95492

Santa Rosa Central Library
211 E Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Eureka, San Francisco, Fresno, Los Angeles, and San Diego and on the Commission's web site in the Information section of this notice.

Purpose of the Site Visit and Committee Conference

The Site Visit and Committee Conference scheduled in this notice provides an opportunity for members of the community in the project vicinity to obtain information, to offer comments, and to view the Project site. BRP will explain its Petition to Amend and the Energy Commission staff will explain the amendment process and Staff's role in reviewing the amendment. Anyone may present oral comments during the Public Comment Period at the Committee Conference and no advance notice need be provided.

Proposed Schedule and Issues Identification Report

Commission staff shall file a proposed schedule for the amendment review process and an Issues Identification Report summarizing the major issues raised by the amendment petition. This report shall also describe any additional information necessary to resolve issues of concern. The proposed schedule and Staff's report shall be filed by **3:00 p.m. on May 24, 2013**. BRP and other interested persons shall file responses, if any, by **1:00 p.m. on May 29, 2013**.

Copies of these documents will be posted on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at the address set forth in the Information section of this notice.

Public Adviser and Public Participation

The Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office is available to assist the public in participating in the amendment review process. For information on how to participate, contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or 1-800-822-6228 or e-mail: publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in this event, contact Lourdes Quiroz well in advance of the hearing at (916) 654-5146 or e-mail: lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov.

Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Paul Kramer, the Chief Hearing Adviser, at (916) 654-5103 or e-mail: paul.kramer@energy.ca.gov.

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Camille Remy Obad, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-3940 or e-mail: camille.remy-obad@energy.ca.gov.

Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Media and Public Communications at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail at: mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

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

Dated: May 16, 2013, at Sacramento, California.

Original Signed By:

KAREN DOUGLAS
Commissioner and Presiding Member
Bottle Rock Geothermal Power Plant
Amendment Committee

Original Signed By:

JANEA SCOTT
Commissioner and Associate Member
Bottle Rock Geothermal Power Plant
Amendment Committee

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**PARTICIPATION IN THE BOTTLE ROCK GEOTHERMAL
POWER PLANT PROJECT AMENDMENT
COMMITTEE CONFERENCE
THROUGH WEBEX
THE ENERGY COMMISSION'S ON-LINE MEETING SERVICE**



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- Enter the **MEETING NUMBER**: **929 746 762**
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- Instead call 1-866-469-3239 (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada). When prompted, enter the meeting number above and your unique Attendee ID number which is listed in the top left area of your computer screen after you login.



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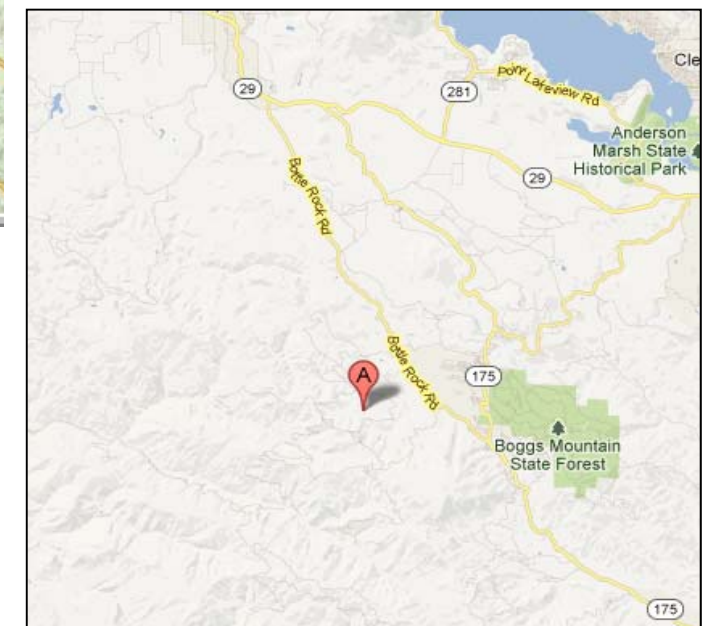
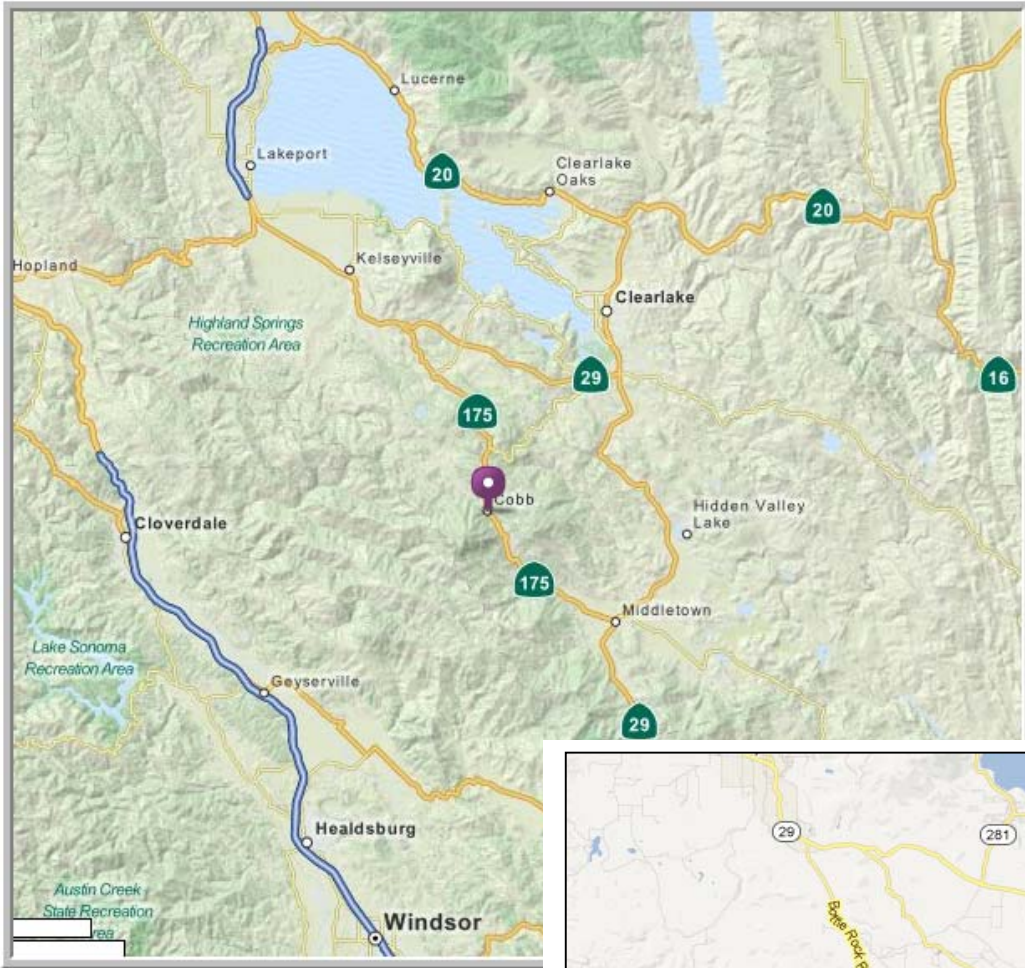
If you have difficulty joining the meeting, please call the WebEx Technical Support number at 1-866-229-3239. To see if your computer is compatible, visit <http://support.webex.com/support/system-requirements.html>.

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DIRECTIONS:

From the Bay Area:

Take 1-80 E.

In Vallejo, merge onto CA-37 W via Exit 33 toward Napa.

Take CA-29/Sonoma Boulevard exit (Exit 19) toward Napa.

Turn right on Sonoma Boulevard/CA-29 N. Continue to follow CA-29 N through Napa Valley.

At Calistoga, turn right on CA-29 N.

In Middleton, turn left onto CA-175/Main Street. Continue to follow CA-175.

After 8.4 miles, turn left onto Bottle Rock Road.

After 2.8 miles, turn left onto High Valley Road.

From the Sacramento Area:

Take I-5 N.

At Williams, take CA-20 exit (Exit 578) toward Clear Lake/Colusa.

Turn left onto CA-20.

Turn left onto CA-53 S.

Turn right onto Lower Lake Road/CA-29. Continue to follow CA-29.

After 12 miles, turn left onto Bottle Rock Road.

After 8 miles, turn right onto High Valley Road.

PLEASE NOTE: High Valley Road is clearly marked by a green sign, underneath a large white sign that says Bottle Rock Power. Drive up to the call box located on the left hand side of the road in front of the black iron gate. On the call box there are instructions for dialing the power plant administrative office (dial #101, then the "CALL" button) from which someone will be able to open the gate remotely. The paved road will take you 1.1 miles through a residential area before you reach a fork in the road, where you will veer left toward the "Plant." Follow the road 0.3 miles to the administrative office, where you will need to sign in. Please observe all traffic signs and follow the 15 mph speed limit.

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Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Site Visit
3. Committee Conference
 - a. Presentation about the proposed amendment by the Project Owner and Commission Staff.
 - b. Discussion of schedule and other matters related to the proposed amendments.
 - c. Consider pending motions (if any)
4. Public Comment
Members of the public and other interested persons and entities may speak up to three minutes on a matter appearing on this agenda.
5. Closed Session

Committee closed session consideration of the following Item:

Bottle Rock Geothermal Power Plant Amendment (79-AFC-4C). Deliberation on matters for decision by the Committee such as pending motions and scheduling. (Contact: Paul Kramer)

The Committee will adjourn to closed session in accordance with Government Code, section 11126, subdivision (c)(3), which allows a state body, including a delegated committee, to hold a closed session to deliberate on a decision to be reached in a proceeding the state body was required by law to conduct. The Committee may adjourn to a closed session at any point during the meeting and may conduct multiple closed sessions as necessary.

6. Adjourn

Agency Contact: Paul Kramer, Chief Hearing Adviser, (916) 654-5103 or e-mail: paul.kramer@energy.ca.gov.



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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Marianne Baschiera, declare that on May 16, 2013, I served and filed copies of the attached Notice of Public Site Visit and Committee Conference dated May 16, 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/bottlerock/>.

The document has been sent to the other persons on the Service List above in the following manner:

(Check one)

For service to all other parties and filing with the Docket Unit at the Energy Commission:

 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 persons noted above as "hard copy required";
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 Instead of e-mailing the document, I personally delivered it or deposited it in the US mail with first class postage to all of the persons on the Service List for whom a mailing address is given.

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: May 16, 2013

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Hearing Office