

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
FOR THE
SEGS VIII PROJECT (88-AFC-1C), AND
THE SEGS IX PROJECT (89-AFC-1C)
PETITION TO ADD NEW FOUNDATION AND CONTAINMENT
STRUCTURE FOR A SPARE TRANSFORMER**

A petition was filed on June 19, 2012, with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) by NextEra Energy Resources, requesting to modify the SEGS VIII (88-AFC-1C) and the SEGS IX (89-AFC-1C) Harper Lake Projects. The 80-megawatt SEGS VIII project was certified by the Energy Commission on March 29, 1989, and began operation in December of 1989. The 80-megawatt SEGS IX project was certified by the Energy Commission on February 14, 1990, and began commercial operation in October 1990. The facilities are located near the town of Hinkley, in San Bernardino County, California.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

The modification proposed in the petition would add a containment structure that would be located between the solar fields of SEGS VIII and SEGS IX, for the storage of a spare transformer. The structure will be approximately 36' by 30' with a three foot high wall and will be constructed in compliance with existing laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (LORS).

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 to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit. Please include the docket number (88-AFC-1C) or (89-AFC-1C) 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]. Please include your name or 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. 88-AFC-1C or 89-AFC-1C
1516 Ninth Street
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If no substantive objection is received in writing by the end of the comment period, the requested project modification 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.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.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Dale Rundquist, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 651-2072, or by fax to (916) 654-3882 or e-mail at Dale.Rundquist@energy.ca.gov.

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