

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

**Business Meeting Minutes**

**of**

**March 21, 2001**

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The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Michal Moore at 10 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was given by Commissioner Pernell.

William J. Keese	Absent
Michal Moore	Present
Robert Laurie	Present
Robert Pernell	Present
Arthur Rosenfeld	Present
James D. Boyd, Ex-Officio	Absent

1. CONSENT CALENDAR.

- a. COMMISSION CO-SPONSORSHIPS. Possible approval of two co-sponsorship requests for which the Energy Commission will lend its name, include promotional material with regularly scheduled mailings and possibly provide financial support.
  - Contra Costa Earth Day 2001, April 29, 2001, Chronicle Pavilion, Concord, California.
  - Solfest 2001, August 25-26, 2001, Real Goods Institute for Solar Living, Hopland, California.
- b. CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP. Possible approval of a change of ownership for the Sunrise Power Project (98-AFC-4C) from Mission Del Sol LLC, a wholly owned affiliate of Edison Mission Energy (100%) to the Sunrise Power Company LLC, consisting of Mission Del Sol LLC (50%) and Texaco Power and Gasification Holdings Inc. (50%).

**Note:** Item 1b. (Change of Ownership) was moved to the April 4, 2001 Business Meeting

*Commissioner Laurie moved and Commissioner Pernell seconded the approval of the Consent Calendar. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. (4-0)*

2. GAS RESEARCH INSTITUTE. Possible approval of Contract 700-00-002 for \$725,000 to develop particulate matter (PM) source test methods for stationary combustion sources. The research includes the testing of the new source test method(s) in several full-scale power generation related combustion sources.

*Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Laurie seconded the approval of Contract 700-00-002. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. (4-0)*

3. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES. Possible approval of Contract 300-00-005 for \$50,000 to prepare, conduct, facilitate and assist in the critique of an energy emergency exercise on May 24, 2001. This exercise will test the Energy Commission's new Dialogic communications system as well as measure load reductions that local governments can achieve during peak load hours when a Stage 2 or Stage 3 electricity emergency is in place.

*Commissioner Laurie moved and Commissioner Pernell seconded the approval of Contract 300-00-005 and to appoint Commissioner Pernell as the designate Commissioner to attend the exercise. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. (4-0)*

4. ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENA. Consideration and possible approval of an Order Issuing Administrative Subpoena to San Diego Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison, and Pacific Gas & Electric. The Subpoena would direct the utilities to provide hourly qualifying facility (QF) production data for certain months in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 that the Commission needs to conduct an analysis of electricity availability during periods of peak demand.

*Acting Chairman Moore moved and Commissioner Pernell seconded the approval of an Order Issuing Administrative Subpoena to San Diego Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison, and Pacific Gas & Electric. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. (4-0)*

5. CSUS FOUNDATION. Possible approval of Contract 200-96-010 Amendment 3, for \$3,000,000 to add spending authority of \$1,000,000 for each fiscal year 01/02, 02/03 and 03/04 and to extend the contract term to 03/31/07 to equal the liquidation period of 03/04 funds.

*Commissioner Pernell moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded the approval of Contract 200-96-010 Amendment 3. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. (4-0)*

6. JONES & STOKES. Possible approval of Contract 700-98-012 Amendment 5, for \$14,375 in additional funds for a contract total of \$86,640 for the completion of the original and new contract tasks for the Metcalf Energy Center Project (99-AFC-3) visual analysis.

*This item was withdrawn from the agenda.*

7. ARTHUR D. LITTLE INC. Possible approval of Contract 500-00-002 Amendment 1, for \$562,500 in increased spending authority to provide technical support for light-duty, medium-duty and heavy-duty alternative fuel vehicles that demonstrate a variety of fuels. This also provides authority to conduct the Strategic Fuel Reserve Study (mandated by AB 2076, Ch. 936, Stat. 2000) and the Gulf Coast to California Pipeline Evaluation (mandated by AB 2098, Ch. 963, Stat. 2000). (Existing contract \$1,875,000; with an augmentation of \$2,437,500)

*Acting Chairman Moore moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded the approval of Contract 500-00-002 Amendment 1. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. (4-0)*

8. EXERGY INC. Possible approval of Contract 500-86-001 Amendment 1, to revise the royalty repayment term of this Energy Technology Advancement Program Project for the construction and testing of a 3.2 megawatt advanced thermodynamic Raline Cycle Demo plant.

*Commissioner Pernell moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded the approval of Contract 500-86-001 Amendment 1. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. (4-0)*

**Note:** Items 9-14 were taken up and voted on as one item.

9. SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. Possible approval of Contract 500-99-017 Amendment 2, to extend the term by 18 months and to amend contract payment conditions as follows: SCAQMD will contribute \$500 per vehicle to enable a maximum amount of \$750 per vehicle to fund 50 percent of the total cost of the off-board charging equipment and its installation. SCAQMD funds can only be used in their geographical boundaries.
10. FORD MOTOR COMPANY. Possible approval of Contract 500-98-005 Amendment 3, to encumber \$346,000 (\$200,000 coming from South Coast Air Quality Management District and \$146,000 from PVEA funding); extend the term by 18 months and amend payment conditions of contract for SCAQMD to fund \$500 per vehicle and Commission to fund \$250 per vehicle. This contract will only be used for the US Postal Service electric vehicle infrastructure.
11. NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC. Possible approval of Contract 500-99-003 Amendment 2, to extend the term of the contract for 18 months to September 30, 2002.
12. GM ATV TORRANCE. Possible approval of Contract 500-98-007 Amendment 2, to extend the term of the contract for 18 months to September 30, 2002.
13. AMERICAN HONDA. Possible approval of Contract 500-98-008 Amendment 2, to extend the term of the contract for 18 months to September 30, 2002.
14. CHRYSLER CORPORATION. Possible approval of Contract 500-98-045 Amendment 3, to extend the term of the contract for 18 months to September 30, 2002.

*Acting Chairman Moore moved and Commissioner Laurie seconded the approval of Contract 500-99-017 Amendment 2, Contract 500-98-005 Amendment 3, Contract 500-99-003 Amendment 2, Contract 500-98-007 Amendment 2, Contract 500-98-008 Amendment 2 and Contract 500-98-045 Amendment 3. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. (4-0)*

15. ENERGY INNOVATIONS SMALL GRANT PROGRAM. Possible approval of Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) program funding of 4 grant projects totaling \$297,315 under the Energy Innovations Small Grant Program.

*Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Pernell seconded the approval of Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) program funding of 4 grant projects totaling \$297,315. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. (4-0)*

16. 2000 PIER ANNUAL REPORT. Consideration and possible approval of the 2000 PIER Annual Report to the Legislature. The report updates the status of the PIER Program and Projects funded through PIER. The report is required under AB 1890 and due to the Legislature on March 31, 2001.

*Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Pernell seconded the approval of the 2000 PIER Annual Report to the Legislature. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. (4-0)*

17. BLYTHE ENERGY PROJECT. Consideration and possible adoption of the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision recommending certification of the Blythe Energy Project, a 520 megawatt power plant proposed by Blythe Energy LLC for construction in Riverside County.

*Commissioner Laurie moved and Commissioner Pernell seconded the approval of the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision to approve the Blythe Energy Project Application for Certification with the errata presented at the hearing. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. (4-0)*

18. WESTERN MIDWAY POWER PROJECT (99-AFC-9). Possible consideration of the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD) for licensing the 500 megawatt natural gas-fired Midway Sunset Power Project and consideration of any Committee-proposed amendments to the PMPD (Docket No. 00-AFC-9).

*Commissioner Pernell moved and Commissioner Laurie seconded the approval of the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision to grant a certificate to the Western Midway Power Project. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. (4-0)*

19. MOUNTAINVIEW POWER PROJECT (00-AFC-2). Consideration and possible adoption of the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision in the 1,056 megawatt natural gas-fired Mountainview Application for Certification (00-AFC-2).

*Acting Chairman Moore moved and Commissioner Pernell seconded the approval of the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision to grant a certificate to the Mountainview Power Project. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. (4-0)*

20. MOUNTAINVIEW POWER PROJECT (00-AFC-2). Consideration and possible adoption of the Mountainview "General Order No. 1 – Compliance Monitoring" as a declared precedent under the Administrative Procedures Act (Govt. Code Sec. 11425.60) for future applications for certification and, at the option of the project owner, for retroactive use for previously certified facilities.

*This item was referred to the Siting Committee for review. The Siting Committee will present its recommendations to the full Commission and the a vote will be taken on the item at a future meeting to be determined. No vote was taken on this item.*

21. BIOMASS TO ETHANOL REPORT. Possible adoption of a Consultant Report prepared in response to a request from the Legislature found in line item 3360-001-0465 of the FY 2000-2001 Budget. The report evaluates the economic costs and benefits of an ethanol production industry in California.

*Commissioner Laurie moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded the approval of the Consultant's Report regarding the costs and benefits of an ethanol production industry in California. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. (4-0)*

22. Minutes

*No minutes were presented.*

23. Energy Commission Committee and Oversight

*Acting Chairman Moore announced that there would be an Executive Session following the Business Meeting to discuss a personnel matter.*

24. Chief Counsel's Report

*Chief Counsel Bill Chamberlain introduced Paul Kramer as a new member of the Chief Counsel's Office.*

*Mr. Chamberlain announced that the U.S. Dataport issue, which had been addressed by the Energy Commission at the previous Business Meeting, had gone before the Planning Commission of the city of San Jose. The Planning Commission approved a permit for U.S. Dataport and the project was scheduled to go before the City Council. If the project gains the City's approval, as expected, the emergency peaking facility associated with the project would be able to stay within the timeline that had been established at the previous Business Meeting.*

*Mr. Chamberlain reported that the California ISO has announced plans to develop a market repair team and that it might be appropriate for the Energy Commission to provide an advisory member.*

25. Executive Director's Report

*No report was given.*

26. Public Advisor's Report

*No report was given.*

27. Public Comment

*No Comments were received.*

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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BETTY McCANN  
Secretary to the Commission