

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**California Energy Commission**  
**November 18, 2009**

Minutes of the November 18, 2009, Energy Commission Business Meeting.

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Karen Douglas. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Douglas.

Present:

Chairman Karen Douglas

Vice Chair James D. Boyd

Commissioner Arthur H. Rosenfeld

Commissioner Jeffrey D. Byron

Commissioner Julia A. Levin

1. CONSENT CALENDAR. (Items on the Consent Calendar will be taken up and voted on as a group. A commissioner may request that an item be moved and discussed later in the meeting.)

- a. TETRA TECH, INC. Possible approval of Amendment 1 to Contract 600-09-003 with Tetra Tech, Inc., to revise the scope of work in Task 3. The contract is for engineering and technical support for the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program. The amendment would allow the contractor to assist the Energy Commission in evaluating projects that have the potential to receive future Program funding, and that could develop and deploy innovative fuel and vehicle technologies. There is no change in the total cost or term of the contract. Contact: Mike Smith.

*Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Vice Chair Boyd seconded approval of the Consent Calendar. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

2. BLYTHE SOLAR POWER PROJECT (AFC-09-6). Contact: Alan Solomon. (10 minutes)

- a. Possible approval of the Executive Director's data adequacy recommendation for the Blythe Solar Power Project, a nominal 1000 megawatt project using solar parabolic trough technology, to be located near the city of Blythe, Riverside County.

*Commissioner Byron moved and Commissioner Levin seconded approval of the Executive Director's recommendation that the AFC be found data adequate. The vote was unanimous (5-0).*

- b. Possible appointment of a siting committee for the Blythe Solar Power Project.

*Chairman Douglas appointed herself presiding member and Commissioner Byron second member of a siting committee for the Blythe project. Commissioner Levin moved and Vice Chair Boyd seconded approval of the appointments. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

3. PALEN SOLAR POWER PROJECT (09-AFC-7). Contact: Alan Solomon. (10 minutes)

- a. Possible approval of the Executive Director's data adequacy recommendation for the Palen Solar Power Project, a nominal 500 megawatt project using solar parabolic trough technology, to be located near Palen Dry Lake in Riverside County.

*Commissioner Byron moved and Vice Chair Boyd seconded approval of the Executive Director's recommendation that the AFC be found data adequate. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

- b. Possible appointment of a siting committee for the Palen Solar Power Project.

*Chairman Douglas appointed Commissioner Byron presiding member and herself second member of a siting committee for the Palen project. Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Vice Chair Boyd seconded approval of the appointments. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

4. RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER PROJECT (09-AFC-9). Contact: Eric Solorio. (10 minutes)

- a. Possible approval of the Executive Director's data adequacy recommendation for the Ridgecrest Solar Power Project, a 250 megawatt project using parabolic trough technology. The project is to be located on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, approximately two miles southwest of the city of Ridgecrest in Kern County.

*Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of the Executive Director's recommendation that the AFC be found data adequate. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

- b. Possible appointment of a siting committee for the Ridgecrest project.

*Chairman Douglas appointed Vice Chair Boyd presiding member and Commissioner Levin second member of a siting committee for the Ridgecrest project. Commissioner Byron moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of the appointments. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

5. HIGH DESERT POWER PROJECT (97-AFC-1C). Possible approval of High Desert Power Project, LLC's petition to 1) eliminate the 2000 Decision's prohibition on use of recycled water for cooling; and 2) authorize construction of a pipeline to deliver recycled water for about one third of the power plant's cooling need. Contact: Steve Munro. (10 minutes)

*Commissioner Byron moved and Vice Chair Boyd seconded approval of the petition. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

6. CLEAN ENERGY STATES ALLIANCE. Possible approval of Contract 400-09-008 for \$82,943 with Clean Energy States Alliance to renew the Energy Commission's membership for one year. Membership affords the Energy Commission the opportunity to participate in a unique multistate collaboration of public clean energy funds and state agencies working together to develop and promote and expand the market for clean energy technologies. (RRTF funding.) Contact: Tony Goncalves. (5 minutes)

*Commissioner Levin moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of Contract 400-09-008. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

7. CITY OF SANTA ROSA. Possible approval of an amendment to extend the term of loan number 002-08-ECD to the City of Santa Rosa. Additional time is needed to implement energy efficiency measures at the city's two wastewater pumping facilities. Due to unexpected delays in the city's bidding and procurement process, the city is requesting to extend the project completion date from December 31, 2009, to August 31, 2010. (ECAA funding.) Contact: Shahid Chaudhry. (5 minutes)

*Commissioner Levin moved and Vice Chair Boyd seconded approval of extending the term of the loan to the City of Santa Rosa. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

8. DIGITAL ENERGY, INC. Possible approval of Amendment 1 to Contract 400-07-026 with Digital Energy, Inc., to add \$500,000 and extend the contract to March 31, 2011. The contract provides engineering and architectural services to support the Energy Commission's Bright Schools, Energy Partnership, and Energy Efficiency Financing programs to improve energy efficiency in existing and planned facilities. (ECAA funding.) Contact: Mike Smith. (5 minutes)

*Commissioner Levin moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of Contract 400-07-026. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

9. CALIFORNIA HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY RATING SERVICES. Possible approval of California Home Energy Efficiency Rating Services (CHEERS) as a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) provider for HERS raters conducting field verification and diagnostic testing to demonstrate compliance with the 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards. Contact: Jim Holland. (5 minutes)

*Commissioner Byron moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of CHEERS as a HERS provider. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

10. CALIFORNIA CERTIFIED ENERGY RATING AND TESTING SERVICE. Possible approval of California Certified Energy Rating and Testing Service (CalCerts) as a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) provider for HERS raters conducting field verification and diagnostic testing to demonstrate compliance with the 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards. Contact: Jim Holland. (5 minutes)

*Commissioner Byron moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of CalCerts as a HERS provider. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

11. ENERGY DEMAND 2010-2020 STAFF REVISED FORECAST REPORT. Possible adoption of the California Energy Demand 2010-2020 Staff Revised Forecast Report. Adopted energy and peak demand forecasts are for use in the *Integrated Energy Policy Report* process and the California Public Utilities Commission long-term procurement process. Contact: Sylvia Bender. (10 minutes)

*Item 11 was moved to the December 2, 2009, agenda.*

12. NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR TELEVISIONS. Possible adoption of the proposed Negative Declaration, including a Finding of No Significant Impact under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the proposed energy efficiency standards for televisions. This adoption

hearing comes after the end of the 30-day comment period necessary to comply with CEQA guidelines. Contact: Valerie Hall. (5 minutes)

*Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Levin seconded approval of the Negative Declaration. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

13. ENERGY EFFICIENCY REGULATIONS FOR TELEVISIONS. Possible adoption of proposed amendments to the Appliance Efficiency Regulations in Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations relating to energy efficiency standards for televisions. This adoption hearing comes after the end of the 45-day comment period necessary to comply with the Administrative Procedures Act. Contact: Valerie Hall. (20 minutes)

*Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Levin seconded approval of the proposed amendments. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

14. **Minutes:** Approval of the November 4, 2009, Business Meeting Minutes.

*Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of the Minutes. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

15. **Commission Committee Presentations/Discussion:** None.

16. **Chief Counsel's Report:** Acting Chief Counsel Jonathan Blee gave the report.

17. **Executive Director's Report:** Executive Director Melissa Jones gave the report.

18. **Public Adviser's Report:** Associate Public Adviser Loreen McMahon gave the report.

19. **Public Comment:** Mr. Steve Nielsen, MuniBond

Appearances:

Mr. Paul Weiner, Paul, Hastings, Janofsky, Walker LLP

Ms. Alice Harron, Solar Millennium

Mr. Greg Wheatland, Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP

Mr. Gary Fernstrom, Pacific Gas & Electric Company

Mr. Noah Horowitz, Natural Resources Defense Council

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET KALLEMEYN  
Secretary to the Commission