

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
California Energy Commission
March 24, 2010

Minutes of the March 24, 2010, Energy Commission Business Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Chairman Karen Douglas. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Douglas.

Present:

Karen Douglas, Chairman
James D. Boyd, Vice Chair
Jeffrey D. Byron, Commissioner

1. GWF TRACY COMBINED CYCLE POWER PLANT. (08-AFC-7). Possible adoption of the Presiding Member's proposed Decision (PMPD) on the GWF Tracy Combined Cycle Power Plant and Errata. The project is to modify the existing Tracy Peaker Plant into a combined cycle power plant. Contact: Raoul Renaud. (10 minutes)

Commissioner Byron moved and Vice Chair Boyd seconded adoption of the PMPD and errata for the GWF Tracy Combined Cycle Power Plant. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

2. HANFORD COMBINED CYCLE POWER PLANT (01-EP-07C). Possible approval of a petition by GWF Energy, LLC, to convert the Hanford Energy Park Peaker to the Hanford Combined-Cycle Power Project by adding two once-through steam generators, an air-cooled condenser and a 25 megawatt steam turbine-generator. The facility is located approximately three miles south the City of Hanford in Kings County. Contact: Matt Trask. (10 minutes)

Commissioner Byron moved and Vice Chair Boyd seconded approval of the petition to convert the Hanford Peaker Plant to the Hanford Combined Cycle Power Plant. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

3. HENRIETTA COMBINED CYCLE POWER PLANT. (01-AFC-18C). Possible approval of a petition by GWF Energy, LLC, to convert the Henrietta Peaker Project to the Henrietta Combined-Cycle Power Project by adding two once-through steam generators, an air-cooled condenser and a 25 MW steam turbine-generator. The facility is located near the City of Lemoore and the Lemoore Naval Air Station in rural Kings County. Contact: Matt Trask. (10 minutes)

Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of the petition to convert the Henrietta Peaker Project to the Henrietta Combined Cycle Power Project. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

4. CITY OF BRISBANE. Possible approval of a \$189,930 loan to the City of Brisbane to upgrade streetlight fixtures. This will save the city approximately \$14,610 annually, with a simple payback of approximately 13 years based on the loan amount. (ARRA funding.) Contact: Adel Suleiman. (5 minutes)

Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of the loan to the City of Brisbane. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

5. SIDLEY AUSTIN, LLP. Possible approval of Contract 140-09-001 for \$30,000 with Sidley Austin, LLP to provide bond and tax legal assistance for two years for the Energy Conservation Assistance Account Bond Program. (Bond administration funding.) Contact: Elizabeth Flores. (5 minutes)

Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of Contract 140-09-001. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

6. KEMA, INC. Possible approval of Contract 600-09-012 for \$4.1 million with KEMA, Inc., to provide monitoring, verification, evaluation and reporting of the Energy Commission's American Reinvestment and Recovery Act-fund projects and programs. Contractors will plan, design and perform procedures to confirm that the appropriate end-use technologies were installed, that reported energy savings are accurate, and that programs are cost-effective. (ARRA and ERPA funding.) Contact: Monica Rudman. (15 minutes)

Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of Contract 600-09-012. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

7. USDA FOREST SERVICE, SIERRA NEVADA RESEARCH CENTER. Possible approval of Contract 500-09-031 for \$1,149,389 with the United States Forest Service to assess the effects of fuel reduction treatments for biofuel feedstock production. The purpose of this study is to improve the ability to reliably predict the effects of different types of treatment in conifer forests on various measures of biological diversity, and to support sustainable forest biofuel management. (PIER electricity funding.) Contact: Joe O'Hagan. (10 minutes)

Commissioner Byron moved and Vice Chair Boyd seconded approval of Contract 500-09-031. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

8. PACIFIC NORTHWEST NATIONAL LABORATORY. Possible approval of Contract 500-09-032 for \$800,000 with the U.S. Department of Energy, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory to examine the interaction between airborne particles, clouds, and precipitation. The researchers will use a research aircraft to measure cloud properties aloft. The data will be available to test and improve regional climate models. (PIER natural gas funding.) Contact: Guido Franco. (5 minutes)

Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of Contract 500-09-032. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

9. PARAGO PROMOTIONAL SERVICES, INC. Possible approval of Contract 400-09-009 for \$419,840 with Parago Promotional Services, Inc., to provide rebate processing services to the Energy Commission for the California Cash for Appliances Program. The program is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and will provide rebates

to eligible consumers for the purchase of qualified energy efficient home appliances. (ARRA funding.) Contact: Lorraine White. (10 minutes)

Item 9 was removed from the agenda.

10. STATE ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCE REBATE PROGRAM GUIDELINES. Possible adoption of revisions to the State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program Guidelines (Guidelines). The Guidelines were developed to implement and administer the California “Cash for Appliances” program funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Contact: Lorraine White. (10 minutes)

Commissioner Byron moved and Vice Chair Boyd seconded approval of the revisions to the Guidelines. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

11. ORDER INSTITUTING INFORMATIONAL PROCEEDING. Possible approval of an Order Instituting Informational Proceeding to gather and assess information for preparation of the 2010 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) Update and the 2011 IEPR as required by Public Resources Code sections 25302(a) and 25302(d). Contact: Suzanne Korosec. (10 minutes)

Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of the Order Instituting Informational Proceeding. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

12. PUBLIC INTEREST ENERGY RESEARCH ANNUAL REPORT. Possible approval of the *Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) 2009 Annual Report to the Legislature*. Contact: Thom Kelly. (10 minutes)

Commissioner Byron moved and Vice Chair Boyd seconded approval of the PIER 2009 Annual Report. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

13. **Minutes:** Approval of the March 17, 2010, Business Meeting Minutes.

Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of the March 17 Minutes. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

14. **Commission Committee Presentations and Discussion:**

Vice Chair Boyd reported that he was a speaker at the recent Local Government Commission Annual Meeting.

Commissioner Byron reported that he attended a workshop on ‘smart meters’ chaired by Commissioner Ryan of the CPUC.

Chairman Douglas discussed recently enacted energy legislation by Senator Padilla (SBX8 34 and SB 71) expected to be signed by the Governor and its effect on the work of the Energy Commission.

15. **Chief Counsel's Report:** None.

16. **Executive Director's Report:** Chief Deputy Director Claudia Chandler gave the report.
17. **Public Adviser's Report:** None.
18. **Public Comment:** Mr. Jim Rothstein appeared.

Appearances:

Mr. Michael J. Carroll, Latham & Watkins, LLP

Mr. Doug Wheeler, GWF Power Systems

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET KALLEMEYN
Secretary to the Commission