

Palmdale Hybrid Power Project (PHPP)

Good morning Commissioners, my name is Eric Veerkamp and I am the Compliance Project Manager for the Palmdale Hybrid Power Project (08-AFC-9C). With me this morning is Kevin Bell, representing staff legal counsel.

The Palmdale Hybrid Power Project (PHPP) was licensed on August 10, 2011, as a nominal 570 MW hybrid facility utilizing combined-cycle and solar trough technologies located in the city of Palmdale, CA; however, the facility has not been constructed. In June 2015, the Energy Commission approved transfer of ownership from the City of Palmdale Energy to Palmdale Energy, LLC.

The project owner, Palmdale Energy, LLC filed a Petition to Amend on April 30, 2015, later supplementing it on July 17, 2015. The petition seeks to change the project from a hybrid combined-cycle/solar trough project to a fast start combined cycle technology, thereby removing the solar component, and increasing the nominal output from 570 MW to 645 MW.

Staff is requesting assignment of a committee due to the scope of the project changes and to best accommodate public participation in the amendment proceeding.
