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NOTICE OF INSIGNIFICANT PROJECT CHANGE

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL
FOR THE BLYTHE ENERGY PROJECT TRANSMISSION LINE MODIFICATIONS
(99-AFC-8C)

On July 22, 2008, the California Energy Commission received a petition from Blythe Energy, LLC to modify the Blythe Energy Project Transmission Line (BEPTL). The BEPTL project was certified by the Energy Commission on October 11, 2006, and is expected to begin construction in December, 2008. The BEPTL project would be located entirely within Riverside County, between the Blythe Energy Center project and Metropolitan Water District's Julian Hinds Substation near Hayfield.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

The project owner is seeking approval for the following proposed insignificant changes in response to recently available information:

1. Realignment of a number of transmission poles.
2. Change the location of the easternmost and westernmost laydown yards.
3. Change the approved two-conductor bundle configuration to a three-conductor bundle configuration.

ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF REVIEW AND DETERMINATION

Pursuant to section 1769(a)(2), Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Energy Commission approval of the project modifications is not required if Energy Commission staff determines that:

- There is no possibility that the modification may have a significant effect on the environment, and
- The modification(s) will not result in a change to or deletion of a condition of certification, or make changes that would cause the project not to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, or standards (LORS).

Energy Commission staff is in the process of determining whether or not the proposed modifications meet the following criteria:

- The modifications 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.

Energy Commission staff will publish a Determination of Compliance for the existing conditions of certification and 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 either by U.S. mail, e-mail, or other document delivery service to Mary Dyas, Compliance Project Manager, at the address shown below:

California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street, MS 2000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comments my be submitted by fax to (916) 654-3882, or by e-mail at mdyas@energy.state.ca.us. If no substantive objection is received in writing by 5:00 p.m. on the 26th of August, 2008, the requested project modifications will be deemed approved, and a description of the change will be placed in the project file.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Mary Dyas at (916) 651-8891, or by fax or e-mail using the above information.

Date: 8/11/08

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