

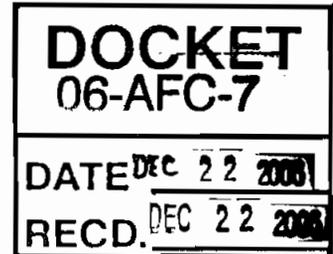
# Memorandum

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Subject: **Notes from Informational Hearing on 12/18/06 for Humboldt Bay Repowering Docket No. 06-AFC-7**

Attached are notes from the opening minutes of the December 18, 2006, Informational Hearing for the Humboldt Bay Repowering Project (06-AFC-07). The notes record the portion of the hearing which occurred before the official court reporter began recording the hearing.

  
GARY FAY

Humboldt Informational Hearing  
December 18, 2006

The Committee began with introductions. We then recessed for a short site visit, then returned for the presentations. The Committee (HO Fay) provided a brief procedural history of the noticing provided for the hearing. He explained that there would eventually be a proposed decision on the proposal, which must be based solely on evidence in the public record. HO Fay explained that contacts between Commissioners and the parties (including staff) must either be 1) written comments that are distributed to all parties or 2) oral comments at a publicly noticed hearing. All other contacts between the Commissioners and the parties are prohibited by this "ex parte" rule. He explained that there will be opportunities for public participation in public workshops to be conducted by staff. He explained how members of the public can access notices and documents on the Commission's website.

HO Fay explained the role of the Public Advisor and summarized the differences between intervention and other types of participation. Mike Monasmith from the Public Advisor's Office (PAO) explained the role of that office. He discussed a handout that he has made available at the hearing today, that includes Qs & As, and information about how to participate in the proceeding. He said that people should sign in today on the sign-up sheet. He said that people who sign up can receive information throughout the proceeding. Mr. Monasmith said that people can also come to public workshops and meetings and ask questions or offer comments. Finally, he discussed intervention. He explained that this involves certain rights as well as obligations, and that the PAO can help those members of the public who wish to intervene.

PG&E made the next presentation. Mr. Lamberg said this is PG&E's first application in almost 25 years. He presented a series of slides. The first one provided an overview of PG&E – how big their service territory is, how many customers they have, their environmental goals, and the length of time they have been serving Humboldt County. The next slide is an aerial picture of the site, with each of the existing facilities identified, along with the area of the new facility, which is a 4.5 acre site within the larger existing site. The next slide provided an overview of the proposed project, which will use 10 Wartsila engines. He described their efficiency, emissions, and water use, and compared that to the existing facility. He also discussed how the new facility will be highly reliable and able to follow load. In addition, the new facility will be able to run on liquid fuels during times of gas curtailment. He explained that the area is gas constrained and that there are times when the plant does not have sufficient natural gas supply to run at capacity. The plant will also be constructed under a labor agreement.

**BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION  
FOR THE HUMBOLDT POWER  
PLANT PROJECT**

**Docket No. 06-AFC-7  
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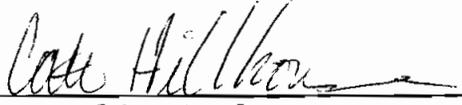
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