

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION
AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of:)	Docket No. 98-AFC-2
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Application For Certification of)	STAFF'S FINAL STATUS
the LA PALOMA GENERATING PROJECT,)	REPORT AND TESTIMONY
La Paloma Generating Company, LLC)	ERRATA
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On May 6, 1999, the La Paloma Committee issued a Notice of Evidentiary Hearings and Revised Scheduling Order. Among other things, the Order required the parties to file and serve status reports and supplemental testimony by certain dates. Staff filed supplemental and revised testimony in the areas of Air Quality, Biology, Socioeconomics, and Soil and Water Resources on May 14, 1999. In this filing, Staff is providing the final status report and an errata to the previously filed Transmission System Engineering testimony.

1. Staff does not intend to recall Mr. Ouellette or Mr. Ralston regarding their Waste Management testimony. Staff's analysis about the zero discharge wastewater system and the injection wells concludes that there will be no significant adverse unmitigated impact from either of those systems.

2. Staff intends to not have Ms. Townsend-Smith present at the hearing on June 29, 1999 because the applicant has resolved the fire truck cumulative impact issue. If the Committee or any party desires to have Ms. Townsend-Smith present, please inform Staff immediately.

3. Regarding the schedule for the hearing on June 29th, Staff requests that Biological Resources be heard beginning between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. Staff from the California Department of Fish and Game and the United States' Fish and Wildlife Service will be present to comment. Beginning during that time will allow them to travel during the day and maintain efficient use of resources. Staff also requests that Air Quality be heard in the afternoon because of a potential conflict for Mr. Golden in the morning. He has been subpoenaed to testify in a trial in Los Angeles that begins on June 28th.

4. Attached is the "Testimony Errata of Mark Hesters" in the area of Transmission System Engineering. Staff would like to change a proposed condition of certification to permit the applicant to use larger transmission line towers in the event the applicant decides to allow another power plant project to share transmission line resources. Mr. Marc Pryor, Staff Project Manager, will sponsor Mr. Hester's testimony. Mr. Rick York will address the potential biological resources impacts during his testimony on June 29th.

Staff is not aware of any outstanding issues. Applicant and Staff have worked very diligently during the two-month delay to ensure that all remaining issues have been satisfactorily resolved

DATED: June 21, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSMISSION SYSTEM ENGINEERING

Testimony Errata for Mark Hesters

INTRODUCTION

Staff's original testimony on Transmission System Engineering was filed April 7, 1999. Subsequent to the filing of this testimony the applicant has, through the Sunrise Cogeneration and Power Project (Sunrise) certification process, indicated there is a possibility that the Sunrise project could terminate its transmission facilities at the La Paloma switchyard. For the power from both projects to reach the desired termination at the Midway substation the applicant may require or desire larger conductors than were specified in the AFC and recommended as a condition of certification in the FSA. The condition of certification should be amended to specify only a minimum conductor size rather than a specific size to provide flexibility to the Applicant and potentially reducing environmental impacts of the project.

CORRECTIONS/CHANGES

- a. Page 383, Condition of Certification 1(d): An approximately 13.6 mile long double circuit 230 kV overhead line will be constructed in order to interconnect the La Paloma Generating Plant to the Midway Substation. The line will use steel pole construction and a minimum capacity consistent with 1590 kcmil ACSR cable with two or more conductors per phase. All increases in pole base area shall be compensated for in accordance with Biological Resources condition of certification BIO-9 and BIO-10.