

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION
AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of:)	Docket No. 99-AFC-3
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Application For Certification of the)	STAFF'S PREHEARING CONFERENCE
Metcalf Energy Center [Calpine Corporation)	STATEMENT
And Bechtel Enterprises, Inc.])	
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On October 24, 2000, the Metcalf Energy Center Application for Certification Committee (“Committee”) issued a Notice of Prehearing Conference. In the Notice, the Committee set the date for the Conference as November 30, 2000, and ordered each party planning to participate in the Conference to serve and file a Prehearing Conference Statement. Each Statement is to specify the topic areas the party believes are ready for evidentiary hearings and those that are not, any disputed areas and a summary of each, witnesses and their qualifications, a summary of testimony to be offered and the time desired to present direct testimony, time desired for cross-examination, exhibits, and a proposed schedule for the remainder of these proceedings.

Staff is prepared at this time to proceed to evidentiary hearings in all topic areas. On October 10, 2000, staff issued its Final Staff Assessment (FSA), which constitutes staff’s written testimony in these proceedings and includes all of the expected witnesses’ qualifications. Staff’s testimony for each technical area is that there are no, unmitigated significant adverse impacts except in the areas of Visual Resources and Land Use. Staff does not anticipate filing any supplemental testimony at this time, but respectfully reserves the right to file such testimony at a later date if warranted. At this time, the FSA is the only exhibit staff intends to offer as evidence. In Attachment A, staff has provided a list of all topic areas, the intended witnesses, and an estimated time for direct examination.

Staff is the only party to this case that has filed formal, written testimony. Without having the benefit of reviewing other parties’ testimony, staff is unaware of the technical areas that will be

disputed, if any, and which issues in those subject areas remain unresolved. Thus, staff is unable to determine at this time the length or nature of any cross-examination of witnesses from other parties.

If the Committee desires, staff is prepared to offer a policy witness, Deputy Director Robert Therkelsen, to testify to staff's overall recommendation to approve the project. There may be other policy witnesses from outside entities, such as the Independent System Operator, Pacific Gas and Electric and TURN (The Utility Reform Network), from whom the Committee may wish to hear.

Proposed Schedule

Staff is prepared to proceed with evidentiary hearings in all topic areas. For any disputed areas, Staff proposes to sponsor testimony into the record either by declaration without the presence of witnesses or, in the alternative, through witness testimony at a hearing held in Sacramento. Staff suggests grouping some of the technical topics based on their logical relationship to each other. Staff proposes the following topic groupings:

- Hazardous Materials, and Traffic and Transportation
- Public Health, and Air Quality
- Visual Resources, and Land Use
- Local System Effects, and Alternatives

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment A

Topic	Staff's Witness	Estimated Length of Direct Testimony
Facility Design	Steve Baker/Al McCuen/M. Kisibuli, Robert Anderson	10 minutes
Reliability	Steve Baker	5 minutes
Efficiency	Steve Baker	5 minutes
Compliance Monitoring Plan and General Conditions	Steve Munro	10 minutes
Worker Safety & Fire Protection	Kathleen Hann, Rick Tyler	5 minutes
Socioeconomics	James Adams	10 minutes
Transmission Line Safety & Nuisance	Obed Odoemelam	5 minutes
Cultural Resources	Gary Reinoehl & Dorothy Torres	15 minutes
Geology/Paleontological Resources	Robert Anderson	10 minutes
Soil and Water Resources	Lorraine White, Joseph O'Hagan & Dominique Brocard	20 minutes
Biological Resources	Linda Spiegel, Cecilia Brown (US Fish and Wildlife Service)	20 minutes
Waste Management	Michael Ringer	10 minutes
Hazardous Materials	Alvin Greenberg & Rick Tyler	20 minutes
Traffic & Transportation	Steve Brown	10 minutes
Visual Resources	Joe Donaldson	20 minutes
Noise	Alan Rosen, Steve Baker	15 minutes
Land Use	Eric Knight and panel*	30 minutes
Public Health	Michael Ringer	15 minutes
Air Quality	Magdy Badr; Dennis Jang and Steve Hill (BAAQMD)	20 minutes
Transmission System Engineering	Linda Davis/ Al McCuen	10 minutes
Local System Effects	Peter Mackin, Al McCuen Mike Jaske, Richard Rohrer	30 minutes
Alternatives	Gary Walker and panel*	30 minutes

*A panel will be available to answer cross-examination questions or questions from the Committee. The panel for Land Use will include Eric Knight, Joe Donaldson, Alan Rosen, and Steve Baker. The panel for Alternatives will include Gary Walker, Peter Mackin, Al McCuen, Eric Knight, Joe Donaldson, Alan Rosen, Steve Baker and Linda Spiegel.