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Subject RE: Niland Gas Turbine Plant

Thank you very much. The questions came from the Range Manager. I will get him the answers and make sure he has the web site. Thanks again.

-----Original Message-----

From: Douglas_Hahn@URSCorp.com [mailto:Douglas_Hahn@URSCorp.com]

Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 15:28

To: Manfredi CIV Thomas A

Subject: RE: Niland Gas Turbine Plant

Hi Tom,

I'll do my best to answer your questions. Remember that the link provided you in the earlier email will answer almost any question you might have regarding the Project, including the following:

1. Will the proposed plant use existing transmission lines/gas lines or will it require new lines?

The plant will use existing transmission and gas lines. The existing Niland Substation is located adjacent to the Project, and so we will be tying in right there. There will be one small overhead line going from the new generation substation, next to the plant, into the Niland Substation, but this line will be lower in height than the transmission lines that area already in the area. The Project will be tying into an existing SoCal Gas pipeline which is located adjacent to the southern and eastern boundaries of the Site, so our connecting linear will be minimal.

2. Will the new plant be tied into and be dependent upon the existing Niland-Blythe transmission line?

Since I am not a transmission expert, I can only attempt a layperson's answer. A System Impact Study has been performed on the Project in order to determine what impacts, if any, might occur to the related systems in any of various scenarios. The purpose of this study is to identify potential impacts so that the Project can be designed and constructed so as not to negatively impact those other systems. This Study is attached to the Project application as Appendix A, and is available on the website address I provided earlier. Please have your knowledgeable persons review and comment accordingly. This information is found in Section 4.0 of the SPPE, again at the website, but I cut the following paragraph from that section:

"The interconnection of the proposed generating facility to the Niland 92-kV transmission system was found to have a beneficial impact on the IID transmission system. The addition of the facility had the effect of substantially reducing the impact of the Blythe generation loading on the Niland 161/92-kV transformer under continuous and contingency conditions.

The tie-line flow impact was minimal, showing that neighboring utilities would not be impacted adversely by the addition of the Project."

3. When do you expect the NEPA documentation to be available for public comment? Any comments from MCAS Yuma would have to be cleared through our Environmental Impact Review Board.

As a point of clarification, NEPA is a Federal process and not applicable here; rather we are operating under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and our Small Power Plant Exemption (SPPE) constitutes that CEQA-equivalent document. We filed the SPPE on March 13 (again, the website) and so by virtue of that filing, it is now a public document. Any member of the public can provide comments or feedback to the CEC regarding the Project, and for your information, the CEC has scheduled what they call an informational hearing for May 3 @ 1:00 PM in Niland at the Chamber of Commerce. Any member of the public can attend and participate.

Hope this helps, let me know if you need more. Cheers, Doug

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RE: Niland Gas Turbine Plant

Doug:

Can you answer some questions for me:

1. Will the proposed plant use existing transmission lines/gas lines or will it require new lines?
2. Will the new plant be tied into and be dependent upon the existing Niland-Blythe transmission line?
3. When do you expect the NEPA documentation to be available for public comment? Any comments from MCAS Yuma would have to be cleared through our Environmental Impact Review Board.

Tom

-----Original Message-----

From: Douglas_Hahn@URSCorp.com [mailto:Douglas_Hahn@URSCorp.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 10:29
To: Manfredi CIV Thomas A
Subject: Niland Gas Turbine Plant

Mr. Manfredi,

Thanks for returning my call, and taking the time to chat with me regarding the upcoming Niland Gas Turbine Plant (Project), which will be constructed by the Imperial Irrigation District near the Town of Niland. As discussed, I have attached two figures which should help you in understanding where the Project will be located. The first is an engineering drawing which provides the UTM coordinates for the major pieces of equipment at the site, and the second is more a general overview of the area so that you can see where it will be relative to Niland and surrounding areas. Please feel free to get back in touch should you require any additional information on the Project. As I mentioned, there will be public meetings in the Town of Niland during the first week of May. Also, fyi, construction is scheduled to begin in Sep 07, with commercial operation in May 08, so you won't see anything out there for a while. As mentioned, the two stacks for the Project will be approximately 60 feet in height, considerably shorter than the existing 200 foot radio tower nearby. Additionally, I have provided you with a link to the California Energy Commission's webpage for this Project, which will give you access to the entire submittal package. That's all for now, thanks again.

Sincerely,

(See attached file: Figure 2.2-2.pdf) (See attached file: Figure 2.1-2.pdf)

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/niland/index.html>

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