

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**1516 NINTH STREET  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-5512

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF THE  
EMERGENCY PERMITTING PROPOSAL  
FOR THE DREWS SUBSTATION ENERGY FACILITY  
Docket No. 01-EP-5**

On March 21, 2001 Alliance Power, Inc. filed an emergency permitting application for the Drews Substation Energy Facility (Drews). Alliance submitted supplemental application information March 30 and April 6. Energy Commission staff has found the supplemented application complete. The complete application is available in Adobe PDF format on the project website, at [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/peakers](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/peakers).

Staff has begun an expedited 'fatal-flaw' analysis of the project. An informational hearing and visit to the site is scheduled for April 11 in the City of Colton. In order for the project, if approved, to be on line by August 2001, the Energy Commission plans to complete the expedited review of this project approximately three weeks from determining the application is complete.

This project is being considered outside of the Energy Commission's normal power plant permitting process. Under Public Resources Code section 25705, if the legislature or the Governor declares a state of energy emergency, the Commission has emergency authority to order the construction and use of generating facilities under terms and conditions it specifies to protect the public interest. This authority can be invoked only if the Legislature or Governor declares a state of emergency and the Commission determines that all reasonable conservation, allocation, and service restriction measures may not alleviate an energy supply emergency. The Governor declared a state of emergency on January 17, 2001. On February 8, the Governor issued several executive orders and declared that all reasonable conservation, allocation, and service restriction measures may not alleviate an energy supply emergency.

In Executive Order D-26-01, the Governor ordered the Energy Commission to expedite the processing of applications for peaking and renewable power plants that can be on line by July 31, 2001. Executive Order D-28-01, issued on March 7, 2001, extended this date to September 30. The Governor also declared that these projects are emergency projects under Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(4), and are thereby exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A summary of the emergency permitting process, including the proposed schedule, and a checklist showing the information required in an application, can be found on the web at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/peakers/documents/index.html>. A copy of this summary is attached to this notice.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed Drews project is a distributed generation facility that consists of four, 10-MW gas turbine generators located at 559 South Pepper Avenue within an existing electrical substation within the City of Colton and the County of San Bernardino. If approved, the facility will interconnect at the substation to the existing Colton electric via two new 12.47kV circuit breakers. The facility will connect to Southern California Edison's transmission system at 66kV. The proposed project includes extending a new natural gas supply line that will connect to an existing Southern California Gas Company main pipeline south of I-10. The proposed project will utilize Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) emissions technology to control emissions of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) and carbon monoxide (CO) until Xonon retrofit technology can be implemented. Aqueous ammonia (19% solution) will be used as the ammonia source for the SCR system. The proposed project will obtain water from the West San Bernardino County Water District, which has a water main that runs along north of the project site along Slover Avenue. The only wastewater discharge from the facility would be storm drainage. The proposed project will use aqueous ammonia for the SCR system. The ammonia would be stored in one 5,000-gallon tank with secondary containment.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Staff has begun an expedited 'fatal-flaw' analysis of the project. A hearing will be held in the City of Colton, scheduled for April 11, to provide the public as well as local, state and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions about, and provide input on, the proposed project. A notice for this hearing will be mailed, but anyone interested in attending is encouraged to check the Energy Commission's Internet page at [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/peakers](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/peakers). This web site will include information on the status of the project, copies of notices and other relevant documents, includes instructions for signing up for the project's email list-server. If you have questions or would like additional information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact Kevin Kennedy, Siting Project Manager, at (916) 651-8836, or by e-mail at [kkennedy@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:kkennedy@energy.state.ca.us).

If you want information on how you can participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact Ms. Roberta Mendonca, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser by email at [pao@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:pao@energy.state.ca.us). For information regarding sites in Northern California, call (877) 602-4747, and for sites in Southern California, call (800) 273-4459. If you require special accommodations to attend a workshop, please call Robert Sifuentes at (916) 654-5004, at least five days before a workshop. Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Kevin Kennedy, Siting Project Manager, in the Energy Facilities Siting and Environmental Protection Division, at (916) (916) 651-8836, or by email at [kkennedy@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:kkennedy@energy.state.ca.us). The status of the project, copies of notices and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/peakers](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/peakers). News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Executive Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989.

This notice of receipt has been mailed to property owners located adjacent to the project site and any of the project-related facilities. By being on the mailing list, you will receive notices of all project-related activities and notices when documents related to the project's evaluation are available for review. If you want your name removed from the mailing list, or if you did not receive this notice directly and want to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Mary Dyas, Project Secretary, at (916) 651-8891, or by email at [mdyas@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:mdyas@energy.state.ca.us).

### **AVAILABILITY OF THE APPLICATION**

Copies of the application are available for public inspection at the following library:

City of Colton Public Library  
656 N. Ninth Street  
Colton, CA 92324

Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Fresno, and Eureka. In addition, copies are being distributed to those public agencies that would normally have jurisdiction except for the Energy Commission's exclusive authority to certify sites and related facilities.

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ROBERT L. THERKELSEN, Deputy Director  
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Mailed to property owner list