

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

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF THE  
EMERGENCY PERMITTING PROPOSAL  
FOR THE LARKSPUR ENERGY FACILITY PROJECT  
Docket No. 01-EP-1**

On March 8, 2001, the Wildflower Energy, LP (Wildflower) filed an emergency permitting application for the Larkspur Energy Project (Larkspur). The Energy Commission staff has reviewed the application and determined it is complete. This project is being reviewed under Public Resources Code section 25705, which grants the Energy Commission emergency permitting authority, and Executive Order D-26-01 and Executive Order D-28-01 issued February 8 and March 7, 2001. In Executive Order D-26-01 and Executive Order D-28-01 the Governor ordered the Energy Commission and other relevant state and local agencies to expedite review of proposed thermal power plants for construction and operation on an emergency basis by September 30, 2001. The application is available at [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/peakers](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/peakers).

Staff has determined that the application is complete and has begun an expedited 'fatal-flaw' analysis of the project. We plan to schedule a hearing in San Diego seven to ten days. In order for the project, if approved, to be on line by September 30, 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 and March 7, 2001, 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 and Executive Order D-28-01 the Governor ordered the Energy Commission to expedite the processing of applications for peaking and renewable power plants that can be on line by September 30, 2001. 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**

Wildflower Energy LP, proposes to construct a simple-cycle dual-fueled peaking electric generation facility consisting of two GE LM6000 gas turbine engines generating 90 MW. The Larkspur Energy Facility will be located at the corner of Harvest Road and Otay Mesa Road in the City of San Diego, San Diego County. The facility will connect to the existing San Diego Gas & Electric substation adjacent to the site via a new 500 foot 69 kV overhead transmission line. Natural gas will be supplied to the facility via a new 500 foot 12-inch diameter interconnection to the existing SDG&E 36-inch natural gas line adjacent to the site. During periods of natural gas curtailment, the facility will operate on diesel fuel oil. The Larkspur project will incorporate selective catalytic reduction (SCR) to reduce project emissions. NOx emissions, when operating with natural gas, are 5 ppm. NOx emission during curtailment periods are 42 ppm. The facility will consume approximately 320 gallons/minute of water, peak, supplied via an interconnection with the existing Otay Water District line adjacent to the project. Waster water from the project will be discharged to the existing San Diego Metropolitan Wastewater District system sewer lines adjacent to the site. Hazardous materials required and stored onsite for the project are aqueous ammonia and diesel fuel oil. During normal operation the facility will be fueled by natural gas. Diesel fuel oil will be used at the facility only during periods of natural gas curtailment.

The project is expected to be operation on July 5, 2001. The construction will take approximately 3 months and will begin upon Commission approval of the project.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Staff has begun an expedited 'fatal-flaw' analysis of the project. A hearing will be held in San Diego approximately seven to ten days. This hearing will 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 Bob Eller, Siting Project Manager, at (916) (916) 651-8835, or by email at [beller@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:beller@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 Bob Eller, Siting Project Manager, in the Energy Facilities Siting and Environmental Protection Division, at (916) 651-8835, or by email at [beller@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:beller@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](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases). News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant 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 libraries:

South Chula Vista Library  
389 Orange  
Chula Vista, CA 91911

City of Chula Vista Library  
Civic Center-Main  
365 F Street  
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Otay Mesa Branch  
3003 Coronado Ave  
San Diego, CA 92154

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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