



NOTICE OF RECEIPT
REQUEST TO AMEND THE ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE
SUNRISE POWER PROJECT (98-AFC-4C)
EXTENSION OF SIMPLE-CYCLE HOURS OF OPERATION

On August 31, 2001, the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) received a request to amend the Energy Commission Decision for the Sunrise Power Project (SPP). SPP is a 320MW simple-cycle natural gas power plant that commenced commercial operation on June 27, 2001. The site is located approximately 35 miles southwest of Bakersfield, and one mile southwest of the intersection of State Route 33 and Shale Road in Kern County, California. The proposed modification will allow for an increase in the hours of simple-cycle operations from the current peak-only to base-load operations through December 2003. The Energy Commission also is reviewing a petition submitted by the Sunrise Power Company in May 2001 to convert the simple-cycle power plant to combined-cycle operations. If approved by the Energy Commission, the combined-cycle power plant could be commercially operational by summer 2003, at which time simple-cycle operations would be terminated.

ENERGY COMMISSION REVIEW PROCEDURES

The purpose of the Energy Commission's review process is to assess the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality, public health and safety. The review process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed changes with the Energy Commission's Decision and if the project, as changed, will remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (*Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Section 1769*). In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order D-25-01, Energy Commission staff will expedite review of this petition.

This Notice of Receipt is being mailed to interested parties and local property owners who may want to participate in the amendment process.

- If you would like to receive a copy of the petition to amend the project, staff's analysis, or the Energy Commission's order if the changes are approved, please complete the enclosed Information Request Form and return it to the address shown.
- If you have questions or wish to make comments regarding this proposed project change, please contact Nancy Tronaas, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-3864, or by e-mail at ntronaas@energy.state.ca.us, within 10 days of the date of this notice.

For further information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact Ms. Roberta Mendonca, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989.

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