

BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE SUN VALLEY ENERGY PROJECT

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION
AND SITE VISIT**

The California Energy Commission, a state agency, has exclusive jurisdiction to license new power plants that generate 50 megawatts (MW) or more. On December 1, 2005, the Valle del Sol Energy, LLC, (VSE) ("Applicant") a wholly-owned subsidiary of Edison Mission Energy, filed an application for certification with the Energy Commission to construct, own, and operate the Sun Valley Energy Project (SVEP), an electricity generating facility in the unincorporated Romoland area of Riverside County, California. The SVEP is designed as a natural gas-fired, simple-cycle power plant consisting of five 100 MW General Electric LMS100 combustion generators and rated at a nominal net generating capacity of 500 MW. The Energy Commission is considering the proposal under the twelve-month review process established by Public Resources Code section 25540.6. The power plant would connect to the Southern California Edison (SCE) electric transmission grid through a 115 kilovolt connection to the SCE Valley Substation. The project is designed as a peaking facility to meet electrical generation needs during periods of high demand.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Energy Commission has designated a Committee of two Commissioners to conduct proceedings on the Application. The Committee has scheduled a public informational presentation and site visit to discuss the proposed project with the Romoland community on the following date:

MONDAY, February 27, 2006
Site Visit begins at 3:00 p.m.
Public Informational Hearing begins at 4:30 p.m.

The Eastern Municipal Water District
2270 Trumble Road
Perris, California

[Wheelchair Accessible]
Map to Eastern Municipal Water District
http://www.emwd.org/emwd_map.html

Prior to the informational presentation, members of the public are invited to join the Committee on a tour of the proposed site during daylight hours. The Applicant will provide bus transportation from the information presentation location parking lot to the site. Bus departure time will be 3:30 p.m. For bus reservations, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser at 916-654-4489 or 800-822-6228 or email at: [\[pao@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:pao@energy.state.ca.us).

BACKGROUND

On February 1, 2006, the Energy Commission began the formal review process of the Application for the SVEP. The review process will take approximately twelve months. During the review period, the Energy Commission will determine whether the proposed project complies with applicable laws related to public health and safety, environmental impacts, and engineering requirements. The informational presentation scheduled by this Notice is sponsored by the Energy Commission to inform the public about the project and to invite public participation in the review process.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As proposed, the project would be constructed on an approximately 20-acre site on Matthews Road near Romoland. The project site is within Riverside County and is zoned Manufacturing-Service Commercial. Surrounding land uses currently include agriculture, transportation (railroad), industrial, and rural residential.

The SVEP is proposed with a five-cell mechanical draft cooling tower; and associated support equipment. It would feature selective catalytic reduction (SCR) pollution control and carbon monoxide (CO) catalyst air emissions control systems and water injected combustors.

A 12-inch-diameter, 20-foot-long pipeline will supply reclaimed water from the Eastern Municipal Water District's pipeline located immediately north and adjacent to the project site. Reclaimed water will be used as cooling tower and evaporative cooler makeup water, landscape irrigation water and demineralizer makeup water.

A 600 foot-long 115 kV transmission line will connect the project with the nearby SCE Valley Substation and will require a single off-site conductor support tower and connection to the south end of the substation. The project will receive natural gas through a 12-inch diameter, 750-foot-long connection to Southern California Gas Company's high pressure pipeline that runs along nearby Menifee Road.

Potable water will be supplied to the project site from a source located in a utility easement immediately north of the project parcel. The project will connect to the sanitary sewer via a 4-inch-diameter, 20-foot-long connection to the existing sewer line immediately north of the project parcel.

The engineering and environmental details of the proposed project are contained in the application for certification. Copies of the application were provided to local public

agencies that are involved in the review process. Copies of the application are also available at the following libraries:

Cesar E. Chavez Library (Perris, CA), Humboldt Library (Eureka CA), California State Library (Sacramento, CA), Riverside Library, San Diego Public Library, UCLA University Research Library, San Francisco Public Library, Fresno County Library

PURPOSE OF THE INFORMATIONAL HEARING

The power plant certification process, which incorporates requirements equivalent to the California Environmental Quality Act, will examine all relevant engineering and environmental aspects of the proposed project. The review process provides a public forum allowing the Applicant, Commission staff, governmental agencies, adjacent landowners, and members of the general public to consider the advantages and disadvantages of the project, and to discuss changes or alternatives as necessary.

The informational hearing scheduled by this Notice is the first in a series of Energy Commission events where members of the community and governmental agencies will have an opportunity to obtain information and offer comments on the proposal. The Applicant will explain plans for developing the proposed site and related facilities. Energy Commission staff will explain the administrative licensing process and its role in reviewing the application. Applicant and Staff will also discuss the schedule and possible issues that may be significant during this proceeding. The Commission's Public Adviser will provide information on how the public can participate in the review process.

PROPOSED SCHEDULES AND ISSUE IDENTIFICATION REPORT

To assist participants in understanding the project, Applicant and Staff shall each file a proposed schedule for reviewing the project and Staff shall file an Issue Identification Report ("Report") summarizing the potential major issues. The proposed schedules and Staff's Report shall be filed no later than 3 p.m., February 21, 2006. At the Informational Hearing, the parties shall indicate whether anticipated data responses would resolve issues of concern raised in Staff's Report. Copies of these documents will be posted on the Commission's Internet web page at: **[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sunvalley].**

PUBLIC ADVISER AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public may participate in all aspects of the review process in a variety of ways. The Commission's Public Adviser, Margret J. Kim, is available to assist the public in participating in the certification review process. She may be reached at 916-654-4489 or 800-822-6228 or email: **[pao@energy.state.ca.us].**

INFORMATION

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Bob Worl, the Staff Project Manager, at 916-651-8853 or email at: **[rworl@energy.state.ca.us]**.

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Gary Fay, the Hearing Officer, at 916-654-3893 or email at: **[gfay@energy.state.ca.us]**.

If you require special accommodation to participate in this event, contact Lou Quiroz at 916-654-5146 or email at: **[lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us]**, **at least five days in advance of the hearing**. Media inquiries should be directed to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director for Media and Public Communications at 916-654-4989 or email at: **[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us]**.

Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, can be accessed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: **[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/sunvalley]**.

Dated February 7, 2006, at Sacramento, California.

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Commissioner and Presiding Member
Sun Valley Energy Project AFC Committee

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Sun Valley Energy Project AFC Committee

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*Eastern Municipal Water District
2270 Trumble Road
Perris, California*

DIRECTIONS FROM RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

Merge into **I-215 S**

Take the **California Highway 74 East** to **Hemet**

The first stoplight is **Trumble Road - Turn Left**
(if you come to the light at Palomar, you have gone too far)

The Water District is on the left