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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

PETITION TO AMEND for the GWF Tracy (Tracy II) Project (08-AFC-7C)

A petition has been filed with the California Energy Commission by GWF Energy, LLC, requesting to modify the GWF Tracy (Tracy II) Project. The 314-megawatt project was certified by the Energy Commission on March 30, 2010, is currently under construction and is approximately 66% complete. The facility is located in the City of Tracy, in San Joaquin County.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

The project owner is requesting to install equipment that is different than the equipment originally proposed to be used at the GWF Tracy facility. Following Energy Commission licensing and the completion of the final design, the owner determined that several equipment improvements would result in increased thermal efficiency. The proposed improvements are as follows:

- Inclusion of inlet air foggers into the combustion turbine generators (CTG)
- Increase the net plant electrical generation from 314 to 337 MW
- Increase the heat recovery steam generator's (HRSG's) maximum duct burner firing rate from 324 to 345 million British thermal units per hour (MMBtu/hr)
- Reduce the auxiliary boiler maximum rated heat input from 85 to 39 MMBtu/hr
- Reduce fire water pump size from 288 brake horsepower (bhp) to 235 bhp.

ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF REVIEW AND DETERMINATION

Pursuant to section 1769(a)(2), Title 20, California Code of Regulations, "(w)here staff determines that there is no possibility that the modifications may have a significant effect on the environment, and if the modifications will not result in a change or deletion of a condition adopted by the commission in the final decision or make changes that would cause the project not to comply with any applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, or standards, no commission approval is required..."

Energy Commission staff has determined that approval by the full Commission is not required and the proposed modifications meet the criteria for approval at the staff level because:

- The modification will not have any significant effect on the environment;
- Existing conditions of certification are sufficient to cover the proposed modification without changes to, or deletions of, any conditions of certification; and

- The project as modified will maintain full compliance with applicable LORS.

Any person may file a written objection to staff's determination within 14 days of the date of this notice on the grounds that the project modification does not meet the criteria set forth in Section 1769(a)(2). All objections must be in writing and must be sent either by U.S. mail, e-mail, or other document delivery service to Eric Veerkamp, Compliance Project Manager, at the address shown below:

California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street, MS 2000
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Comments may be submitted by fax to (916) 654-3882, or by e-mail to eveerkam@energy.state.ca.us. If no substantive objection is received in writing, the requested project modifications will be deemed approved on January 30, 2012

For further information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact the Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail to publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail to mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Eric Veerkamp at (916) 654-4611, or by fax or e-mail using the above information.

Date: January 17, 2012

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