

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF INSIGNIFICANT PROJECT CHANGE
Addition of Above-Ground Natural Gas Pipeline for the
Kern River Cogeneration Project
(82-AFC-2C)

On April 27, 2005, the California Energy Commission received a petition from the Kern River Cogeneration Company to modify the Kern River Cogeneration Project. The 300-megawatt power plant was certified in September 1983, and commenced commercial operations in August 1985. The power plant is located in the Kern River oilfields, approximately five miles north of the City of Bakersfield, and five miles east of State Route 99 in Kern County, California

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

The installation of an 1800-foot natural gas pipeline on the southwest side of the power plant and dedicated to serve two turbines that are designated for peaking operation. The pipe ranges from six to twelve inches in diameter, and will connect at the existing SoCal gas pipeline, located southwest of the power plant. The pipeline will be installed primarily on existing pipe supports, except for approximately 200 feet that will require the construction of new pipe supports and anchors. Some earthwork will be necessary to install the new supports and anchors. The petition to modify the project is available on the Energy Commission's website at www.energy.ca.gov.

ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF REVIEW PROCESS

Pursuant to section 1769(a)(2), Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Energy Commission approval for the modification is not required if Energy Commission staff determine that:

- There is no possibility that the modification may have a significant effect on the environment, and
- The modification will not result in a change or deletion of a condition of certification, or make changes that would cause the project not to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, or standards.

Energy Commission staff have determined that the proposed modification meets this criteria because:

- The modification will not have any significant effect on the environment as the pipeline will be installed primarily on an existing pipe rack;
- Existing conditions of certification are sufficient to cover the proposed modification without changes to or deletion of a condition of certification; and

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- The modification will maintain full compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations or standards.

Any person may file a written objection to staff's determination within 14 days of service 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 Nancy Tronaas, 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 at ntronaas@energy.state.ca.us. If no substantive objection is received in writing by 5:00 p.m. on *June 16, 2005*, the requested project modifications will be approved, and a description of the change will be placed in the project file.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Nancy Tronaas at (916) 654-3864, or by fax or e-mail using the above information.

Date: _____

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