

June 13, 2018 California Energy Commission Business Meeting

Item 1a. HUMBOLDT BAY GENERATING STATION PETITION TO AMEND (06-AFC-07C)

Petition to Amend:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=211728>

Staff Analysis on Petition to Amend:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=223310>

Project Web Page:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/humboldt/index.html>

Project Docket Log, including any documents filed after this list was created on July 24, 2008:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=06-AFC-07C>

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

Docket No. 06-AFC-07C

HUMBOLDT BAY GENERATING
STATION

[Proposed] ORDER APPROVING
PETITION TO AMEND

On June 6, 2016, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), the owner of the Humboldt Bay Generating Station (HBGS) located in Eureka, California, submitted a petition requesting modifications to the HBGS license to conform the Air Quality Conditions of Certification to the Title V Permit to Operate (PTO) issued by the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (NCUAQMD).

On May 2, 2018, Energy Commission staff filed in the docket its analysis of the petition and concluded that the proposed changes would not result in any significant environmental impact; the facility will remain in compliance with all laws, ordinances, regulations and standards; the changes will be beneficial by improving reliable operation and will ensure the project remains in compliance with applicable air quality regulations and permits; and the amendment is justified due to new information.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Energy Commission staff reviewed the petition, concludes that it complies with the requirements of Title 20, section 1769 (a) of the California Code of Regulations, and recommends approval of PG&E's petition to amend the HBGS license as discussed in detail in Staff's Analysis on the Petition to Amend.

ENERGY COMMISSION FINDINGS

Based on staff's analysis, the Energy Commission concludes that the proposed modifications will not result in any significant impacts to public health and safety, or to the environment. The Energy Commission finds that:

- The petition meets all the filing criteria of Title 20, section 1769 (a), of the California Code of Regulations, concerning post-certification project modifications;
- The amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact;
- The project will remain in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards, subject to the provisions of Public Resources Code, section 25525;
- The change will be beneficial to the applicant and the modifications proposed in the petition are necessary to improve reliable operation when the HBGS is fueled primarily with natural gas and to align the Energy Commission conditions with the Title V PTO issued by the NCUAQMD for the HBGS;
- The change is based on information that was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence prior to Commission certification because the NCUAQMD's Permit to Operate was issued after the Commission Decision.

CONCLUSION AND ORDER

The California Energy Commission hereby adopts staff's recommendation and approves the proposed modifications to the Commission Decision for the Humboldt Bay Generating Station, as requested in PG&E's Petition to Amend, and the changes to the project's conditions of certification as reflected in the Staff Analysis on Petition to Amend.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on June 13, 2018.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Secretariat