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PALMDALE ENERGY PROJECT REQUEST TO TERMINATE

On December 2, 2019, Palmdale Energy, LLC filed a request with the California Energy Commission (CEC) to terminate the Commission certification for the Palmdale Energy Project (08-AFC-09C).

BACKGROUND

The Palmdale Hybrid Power Project was licensed on August 10, 2011, as a nominal 570-megawatt (MW) hybrid facility utilizing combined-cycle and solar trough technologies.

On April 30, 2015, the project owner, Palmdale Energy, LLC filed a petition to change the Palmdale Hybrid Power Project from a 570-MW hybrid combined-cycle and solar trough power plant to a natural gas-fired 645-MW combined-cycle power plant. Specifically, the petition reduced the project site to 50 acres, eliminated the solar component, replaced the combustion turbine technology with fast-start flexible technology, and changed the project name from Palmdale Hybrid Power Project to Palmdale Energy Project. The project site is in the City of Palmdale. The petition was approved on August 9, 2017, however, the facility was never constructed and there was no ground disturbance.

For additional information, the [Palmdale Energy Project](https://www2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palmdale/index.html) webpage for this facility is located at: <https://www2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palmdale/index.html>.

A link to the Palmdale Energy Project Termination Request (TN 230965) is accessible through the webpage in the box labeled "Compliance Proceeding." Click on the ["Documents for this Proceeding \(Docket Log\)"](#) option.

STAFF ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

CEC technical staff reviewed the request to terminate and determined that no environmental impacts, no ground disturbance, no violation of applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and standards (LORS), or effect on an environmental justice (EJ) population would occur.

Staff also concludes that terminating the Commission certification for the Palmdale Energy Project will not violate any of the conditions adopted in the Final Commission Decision

TERMINATION APPROVAL PROCESS

Staff intends to recommend approval of the Palmdale Energy Project termination request at the February 20, 2020, CEC Business Meeting. At this Business Meeting, any person may present oral or written statements relevant to the request. Any interested person may also file comments on staff's analysis and recommendation prior to the business meeting by submitting written comments through CEC's electronic commenting feature. To use this electronic feature, go to the CEC's webpage for this facility cited above, scroll down the right side of the project's webpage to the box labeled "Subscribe" and provide the requested contact information.

Those who wish to provide comments on the Request to Terminate are asked to file the comments prior to February 15, 2020.

Written comments may also be mailed or hand-delivered to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 08-AFC-09C
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

All comments and materials filed with, and approved by, the Docket Unit will be added to the facility Docket Log and become publicly accessible on the CEC's webpage for the facility.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Keith Winstead, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-5191, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at Keith.Winstead@energy.ca.gov.

For information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the Request to Terminate, contact the Public Advisor at (800) 822-6228 (toll-free in California) or send your e-mail to publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov.

News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by email to mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

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CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

PALMDALE ENERGY PROJECT

Docket No. 08-AFC-09C

**[PROPOSED] ORDER APPROVING
TERMINATION**

INTRODUCTION

On December 2, 2019, Palmdale Energy, LLC sent a letter to the California Energy Commission (CEC) requesting the CEC terminate the license for the Palmdale Energy Project. The facility was never constructed and there was no ground disturbance.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the request to terminate the license of the Palmdale Energy Center.

ENERGY COMMISSION FINDINGS

Based on staff's analysis, the CEC finds that terminating the Palmdale Energy Center license will not have a significant effect on the environment or on an environmental justice population, and would be consistent with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and standards and conditions of certification adopted in the Final Decision.

CONCLUSION AND ORDER

The CEC hereby terminates the Palmdale Energy Project license, effective immediately.

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 an Order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on February 20, 2020.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Cody Goldthrite
Secretariat