

March 17, 2021, California Energy Commission Business Meeting

Item 1a. MIDWAY SUNSET COGENERATION PROJECT (85-AFC-03C).

[Midway Sunset Cogen - Notice of Receipt-Agreement for Jointly](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/getdocument.aspx?tn=236834)

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[Midway Sunset Cogeneration Company - Compliance](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/getdocument.aspx?tn=236001)

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

**MIDWAY-SUNSET COGENERATION
PROJECT**

Docket No. 85-AFC-03C

**[PROPOSED] ORDER APPROVING
PETITION FOR A JOINTLY INITIATED
AMENDMENT**

On December 17, 2020, Midway-Sunset Cogeneration Company (MSCC) filed a Petition for a Jointly Initiated Amendment (TN# 236001) to the California Energy Commission (CEC) Decision for the Midway Sunset Cogeneration project (project). The project is a 225-megawatt cogeneration facility that was certified by the CEC on May 14, 1987 and began commercial operation on May 1, 1989. The project produces steam to aid in an enhanced oil recovery process, and is located in Fellows, Kern County, California.

CEC Staff and the project owner propose removal of Conditions of Certification **AQ-15**, **EFF-1**, and **EFF-2** in the CEC Decision to eliminate restrictions on the project's ability to supply electric power during high demand peak loads on the California electric grid when there is no steam demand by steam hosts. Removing the requirements that the project be a cogeneration facility allows the project to continue supporting the grid as a peaking facility supplying power during times when it is most critically needed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

CEC staff reviewed the petition and confirmed that it complies with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1769.1(a), that the proposed amendment would not result in significant environmental impacts, and the project would remain in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards.

Therefore, staff recommends approval of the Petition for a Jointly Initiated Amendment.

ENERGY COMMISSION FINDINGS

Based on the record, including staff's analysis, the Commission finds:

- The petition meets all filing criteria of California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1769.1(a) for a Staff and Project Owner Jointly Initiated Amendment;

- The removal of Conditions of Certification **AQ-15**, **EFF-1**, and **EFF-2** will not result in significant impacts to public health and safety or to the environment; and
- The project will remain in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards.

CONCLUSION AND ORDER

The California Energy Commission hereby approves the Jointly Initiated Amendment and the changes to the conditions of certification as set forth in the staff analysis.

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 California Energy Commission held on March 17, 2021.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Patricia Carlos
Secretariat