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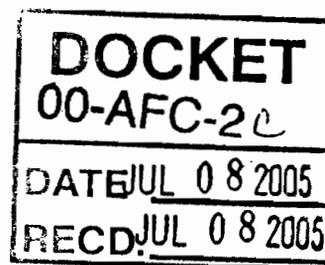
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DATE: July 8, 2005

TO: Interested Parties *John Doe*

FROM: Donna Stone, Compliance Project Manager

**SUBJECT: MOUNTAINVIEW POWER PROJECT (00-AFC-2C)
NOTICE OF RECEIPT and PUBLIC REVIEW OF STAFF ANALYSIS:
PETITION TO DELAY APPLICATION OF COLOR TREATMENT**



On June 16, 2005, the California Energy Commission received a petition from Mountainview Power Company, LLC to amend the Energy Commission Decision for the Mountainview Power Project.

The Mountainview Power Project is a 1056-megawatt combined cycle natural gas power plant located in the City of Redlands, in San Bernardino County. The power plant is currently under construction and is 75 percent complete.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT CHANGE

Mountainview Power Company, LLC is proposing to modify the Mountainview Power Project by delaying the completion of the color treatment for the facility. The Decision requires treatment of the project structures, buildings, and tanks in appropriate colors or hues that minimize visual intrusion and contrast to the surrounding environment, no less than 30 days prior to first turbine roll. The proposed modification would delay this treatment to within 90 days after the start of commercial operation.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the proposed modification to delay color treatment from 30 days prior to first turbine roll, to within 90 days after the start of commercial operations.

The project owner is already in the process of color treatment pursuant to VIS-1, has completed treatment on a majority of their power plant structures, and is committed to completing the remaining structures.

The project owner has said if they were to complete the surface treatment on the remaining power plant structures prior to the first turbine roll as required, it would cause a delay in meeting their planned commissioning and operations schedule. The operations schedule has deviated as a result of post-certification engineering and construction matters.

The time delay does not negate completion of the surface treatment on the facility. Staff concludes the requested delay would not result in a significant adverse visual impact to the viewshed. The project would continue to comply with local LORS.

PROPOSED REVISION TO CONDITION OF CERTIFICATION

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VIS-1: ~~Prior to first turbine roll,~~ The project owner shall treat the project structures, buildings, and tanks in appropriate colors or hues that minimize visual intrusion and contrast by blending with the surrounding landscape, and shall treat those items in a non-reflective finish. A specific treatment plan will be developed for CEC approval to ensure that the proposed colors do not unduly contrast with the surrounding landscape colors. The plan will be submitted sufficiently early to ensure that any precolored buildings, structures, and linear facilities will have colors approved and included in bid specifications for such buildings or structures.

Protocol: The project owner shall submit a treatment plan for the project to the California Energy Commission Compliance Project Manager (CPM) for review and approval. The treatment plan shall include:

- Specification, and 11" x 17" color simulations, of the treatment proposed for use on project structures, including structures treated during manufacture;
- A list of each major project structure, building, and tank, specifying the color(s) proposed for each item;
- Documentation that a non-reflective finish will be used on all project elements visible to the public;
- A detailed schedule for completion of the treatment; and,
- A procedure to ensure proper treatment maintenance for the life of the project.

If the CPM notifies the project owner that revisions of the plan are needed before the CPM will approve the plan, the project owner shall submit a revised plan to the CPM. After approval of the plan by the CPM, the project owner shall implement the plan according to the schedule and shall ensure that the treatment is properly maintained for the life of the project. For any structures that are treated during manufacture, the project owner shall not specify the treatment of such structures to the vendors until the project owner receives notification of approval of the treatment plan by the CPM.

The project owner shall not perform the final treatment on any structures until the project owner receives notification of approval of the treatment plan from the CPM. The project owner shall notify the CPM within one week after all pre-colored structures have been erected and all structures to be treated in the field have been treated and the structures are ready for inspection.

Verification: At least 60 (sixty) days prior to ordering the first structures that are color treated during manufacture, the project owner shall submit its proposed plan to the CPM for review and approval.

If the CPM notifies the project owner that any revisions of the plan are needed before the CPM will approve the plan, within 30 days of receiving that notification, the project owner shall submit to the CPM a revised plan.

~~Not less than thirty (30) days prior to~~ **Within ninety (90) days after** the start of commercial operation, the project owner shall notify the CPM that all structures treated during manufacture and all structures treated in the field are ready for inspection.

The project owner shall provide a status report regarding treatment maintenance in the Annual Compliance Report.

RECOMMENDATION

Energy Commission staff intends to recommend approval of the petition at the July 27, 2005 Business Meeting of the Energy Commission.

PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS

The petition to amend the project is available on the Energy Commission's webpage at www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/mountainview/compliance/index.html.

If you would like to receive a hard copy of the petition, and/or the Energy Commission Order if the changes are approved, please complete the enclosed Information Request Form and return it to the address shown. If you have comments on this proposed modification, please submit them to Donna Stone, Compliance Project Manager, at the address on this letterhead or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or by e-mail to dstone@energy.state.ca.us no later than July 26, 2005. The Energy Commission Order (if approved), will also be posted on the webpage.

For further information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact Margret J. Kim, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at pao@energy.state.ca.us. If you require special accommodations, please contact Lourdes Quiroz at (916) 654-5146. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF VISUAL RESOURCES (VIS-1).

PLEASE CIRCLE THE DOCUMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE:

- PETITION TO AMEND
- COMMISSION ORDER

PROJECT: Mountainview Power Project

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