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**NOTICE OF INSIGNIFICANT PROJECT CHANGE
TO MODIFY A PORTION OF THE NATURAL-GAS PIPELINE ROUTE FOR THE
INLAND EMPIRE ENERGY CENTER PROJECT
(01-AFC-17C)**

On July 12, 2005, the California Energy Commission received a petition from Inland Empire Energy Center, LLC, to modify the Inland Empire Energy Center Project. The 810-megawatt project was certified on December 17, 2003, and is expected to begin construction on September 1, 2005. The facility will be located near the community of Romoland in unincorporated Riverside County.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

Inland Empire Energy Center, LLC is seeking approval to change part of the route of the natural-gas pipeline right-of-way that will provide fuel to the project site. The natural-gas pipeline described in the original project Decision connected to an off-site gas compressor station. Because of changes in Southern California Gas Company's requirements regarding siting of compressor facilities, the off-site compressor station is no longer needed and a more direct (shorter) route to the point of interconnect is now possible. The new route will reduce environmental impacts and will be more economical for the project owner.

ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF REVIEW PROCESS AND DETERMINATION

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 determines 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 to 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 meet these criteria because:

- The modification will not have any significant effect on the environment; the new shorter pipeline route will reduce already insignificant environmental impacts.
- Existing conditions of certification are sufficient to cover the proposed modification without changes to or deletion of a condition of certification; and
- The project as modified 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,

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e-mail, or other document delivery service to Connie Bruins, Compliance Project Manager, at the address shown below:

California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street, MS 2000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comments may be submitted by fax to (916) 654-3882, or by e-mail at cbruins@energy.state.ca.us. If no substantive objection is received in writing by 5:00 p.m. on July 29, 2005, the requested project modifications will be deemed approved, and a description of the change will be placed in the project file.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Connie Bruins at (916) 654-4545, or by fax or e-mail using the above information.

Date: July 15, 2005



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