

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**1516 NINTH STREET  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-5512**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
STAFF ASSESSMENT- PART 1  
RUSSELL CITY ENERGY CENTER (01-AFC-7C)  
AMENDMENT NO. 1**

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	<b>01-AFC-7C</b>
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On November 17, 2006, Russell City Energy Center, LLC submitted a Petition to Amend the Commission Decision (01-AFC-7C , issued Sept 11, 2002) for the Russell City Energy Center (RCEC). The purpose of the amendment is to obtain Energy Commission approval to move the power plant to a new location and to make several other changes to the previously approved project.

Staff Assessment (SA) Part 1 contains the Energy Commission staff's evaluation of the technical areas that include: biological resources, facility design, geology and paleontology, hazardous materials, noise, plant efficiency, plant reliability, socioeconomic resources, soil and water resources, transmission line safety and nuisance, transmission system engineering, and worker safety/fire protection. A public workshop on Part 1 will be held on April 9, 2007 in Hayward. This workshop has been separately noticed. Public, local, State, and federal agencies are encouraged to participate in this workshop.

In an effort to improve the project schedule, Energy Commission staff consulted the project owner and advised the Commission Committee overseeing this proceeding that the SA for the Russell City Energy Center (RCEC) amendment will be bifurcated. Part 1 of the SA includes those technical areas that involve little change from staff's analysis of the original RCEC. The remaining technical areas will be included in Part 2 because: 1) additional information is required from the project owner , 2) agency comment is required, 3) issues need to be resolved with a local agency, and 4) staff resource limitation in certain technical areas prevented completion of the analyses.

Part 2 will include: Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Land Use, Public Health, Traffic and Transportation, Visual Resources, Waste Management and Alternatives. Staff anticipates issuing Part 2 of the Staff Assessment sometime in May or June 2007, depending on receipt of complete information related to proposed project changes.

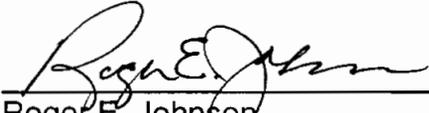
Based on comments received at staff workshops and separately on Part 1 and Part 2 of the Staff Assessment, and additional information that will be gathered, staff will issue two errata prior to Committee hearing(s). Please provide any written comments regarding Part I of the Staff Assessment to Jeri Scott, Compliance Project Manager, by April 16, 2007.

The Part 1 Staff Assessment and other relevant documents are available on the Energy Commission's website at: [http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/russellcity/compliance/2006-11-17\\_RCEC\\_AMENDMENT.PDF](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/russellcity/compliance/2006-11-17_RCEC_AMENDMENT.PDF) and in printed format upon request. If you would like a copy of Part 1, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the California Energy Commission, Attention: Marci Errecart, 1516 Ninth Street, MS-2000, Sacramento, CA 95814-5512, or call (916) 654-3927.

Persons wanting information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project should contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228 or by email to PAO@energy.state.ca.us.

Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Jeri Scott, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-4428 or by email at [jscott@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:jscott@energy.state.ca.us). News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director Claudia Chandler at (916) 654-4989.

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**Please send me a copy of the California Energy Commission staff's Staff Assessment Part I for the Russell City Energy Center, Amendment No. 1 (01-AFC-7C).**

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