

## CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

1516 NINTH STREET  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-5512

April 6, 2007

<b>DOCKET</b>	
<b>01-AFC-7C</b>	
DATE	APR 06 2007
RECD.	APR 06 2007

Dear Librarian:

**DOCUMENT HANDLING FOR PART 1 OF THE STAFF ASSESSMENT FOR THE  
RUSSELL CITY ENERGY CENTER (01-AFC-7C) AMENDMENT NO. 1**

Please make the enclosed Staff Assessment – Part 1 for the Russell City Energy Center (01-AFC-7C) Amendment No. 1 available to those who may wish to be informed about the project. We request that you not allow the Staff Assessment or any of its contents to be removed from the library. To increase accessibility of the document, we ask, if possible, that you cross-reference it as a general reference work under the title and author categories, as well as under such subjects as “Energy Commission,” “electricity energy/generation,” “power plant siting,” or any other relevant subject.

The Energy Commission’s review process is open to the public and incorporates the input of the public as well as local, state, and federal agencies. To facilitate public participation, we distribute copies of the Staff Assessment to libraries in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, and Eureka, as well as to public libraries in communities near the proposed project.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Lance Shaw, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 653-1227 or by email to [lshaw@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:lshaw@energy.state.ca.us).

Sincerely,

ROGER E. JOHNSON, Manager  
Siting and Compliance Office  
Energy Facilities Siting Division

Enclosure

## CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

1516 NINTH STREET  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-5512**To: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC****PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW OF PART 1 OF THE STAFF ASSESSMENT FOR THE RUSSELL CITY ENERGY CENTER (01-AFC-7C) AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On November 17, 2006, the Russell City Energy Company, LLC filed a petition with the California Energy Commission seeking approval to modify the Commission Decision for the Russell City Energy Center (RCEC). The petition contains several modifications, the most notable being the relocation of the project facilities approximately 1,300 feet northwest of the original location. The remaining modifications describe the physical make-up of the new location. The 600 megawatt project certified by the Energy Commission on September 11, 2002, is expected to begin construction the second quarter in 2008. The facility will be located in the City of Hayward, in Alameda County.

**ENERGY COMMISSION REVIEW PROCESS**

The purpose of the Energy Commission's review process is to assess the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality, public health and safety, and the existing transmission system. The review process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed changes with the Energy Commission's Decision, and, if the project, as changed, will remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (Title 20, Calif. Code of Regulations, section 1769). The Energy Commission is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and has prepared and published a Staff Assessment Part 1. Part 1 contains the Energy Commission staff's evaluation of the following technical areas:

biological resources	facility design
geology and paleontology	hazardous materials
noise and vibration	power plant efficiency
power plant reliability	socioeconomic resources
soil and water resources	transmission line safety and nuisance
transmission system engineering	worker safety/fire protection

Part 1 of the Staff Assessment 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	Alternatives
Cultural Resources	Land Use
Public Health	Traffic and Transportation
Visual Resources	Waste Management

A public hearing for the purpose of approving or denying the amendment proposal will be held at a regularly scheduled Energy Commission business meeting following the publication of Part 2 of the Staff Assessment. Part 2 of the Staff Assessment is expected to be published in late May of early June 2007.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

If you would like information on how you can participate in the Energy Commission's review process for the proposed amendment, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228.

Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Lance Shaw, the Energy Commission's Compliance Project Manager at (916) 653-1227 or by e-mail to: [lshaw@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:lshaw@energy.state.ca.us). The status of the project, copies of notices, petition to amend, Staff Assessments (when available) and other relevant documents will be placed on the Energy Commission's web site at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/russellcity/index.html>.

The Notice of Availability of the Staff Assessment Part 1 has been mailed to all parties who were on the mailing lists during the original project's certification process. By being on the mailing list you will receive notices of all project-related activities, including when documents related to the amendment are available. You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/html/listservers.html>. If you want your name removed from the mailing list, please contact Marci Errecart, Compliance Unit Technician at (916) 654-3927, or e-mail at: [merrecar@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:merrecar@energy.state.ca.us).

A copy of the Staff Assessment Part 1 is available for public inspection at the:

City of Hayward Public Library  
835 C Street  
Hayward, CA 94541

California State University Library  
25800 Carlos Bee Blvd.  
Hayward, CA 94542

Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, and Eureka. In addition, copies will be distributed to those public agencies that would normally have jurisdiction except for the Energy Commission's exclusive permitting authority.

**Note to Librarian: Please retain this letter behind the front cover of the Staff Assessment Part 1. Thank You.**