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Notice of Staff Data Response and Issue Resolution Workshop For the Russell City Energy Center Amendment No. 1 (01-AFC-7C)

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a Data Response and Issue Resolution workshop for the Russell City Energy Center (RCEC) Amendment No. 1. The purpose is to discuss the project owner's responses to staff's data requests and to work toward resolving issues affecting the areas of air quality, land use and traffic and transportation. All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate.

MONDAY, June 4, 2007
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Marina Community Center - Room B
15301 Wicks Blvd, San Leandro, 94579
(Wheelchair Accessible)
(Map Attached)

Purpose

The Energy Commission staff is currently analyzing the RCEC Petition to Amend the Commission Decision on the RCEC (01-AFC-7,). The staff workshop will focus on information and issues related to Best Available Control Technology for air quality, and thermal plume effects on aviation safety that relate to staff's analysis for traffic and transportation and land use.

Staff's data requests and the RCEC's responses can be found on the Energy Commission's website: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/russellcity_amendment/.

Following the workshop, staff will consider the comments received and publish its Staff Assessment Part 2, which will contain the previously released Part 1 technical sections and several sections that have not been previously released, along with staff's recommendations on the proposed amendment. This complete Staff Assessment will be released on June 8, 2007.

Background

The Russell City Energy Center (RCEC) will be located in the City of Hayward (City) in Alameda County and was certified by the Energy Commission on Sept 11, 2002. On November 17, 2006, the Calpine Corporation and GE Energy Finance Services, known as the Russell City Energy Company, LLC, filed a Petition to Amend the Commission

Decision to move the project location 1,300 feet northwest of the original location. The RCEC was certified to be constructed in the City's Industrial Corridor at the southwest corner of the intersection of Enterprise Avenue and Whitesell Street, directly south of the City's Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF).

The project owner has requested approval to construct the facility on four parcels that are presently in the City, directly west of the City's WPCF between Depot Road and Enterprise Avenue.

California's Warren-Alquist Act (Pub. Resources Code (PRC) § 25000 et seq.), provides the Energy Commission the exclusive authority to certify thermal electric power plants of 50 megawatts or greater within the state (Pub. Resources Code § 25120 and 25500 et seq.). Additionally, Title 20, California Code of Regulations § 1769 authorizes the Energy Commission to approve amendments and modifications to those facilities it has certified. The amendment process includes an evaluation of the engineering and environmental impacts of the modified project and whether it will remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser provides the public with assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at pao@energy.state.ca.us. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

Questions

General information and documents on the proposed project are available on the Energy Commission's website at http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/russellcity_amendment/. Please direct all news media inquiries to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Director, at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us. For technical questions on the subject matter, please contact Lance Shaw, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 653-1227 or by e-mail to lshaw@energy.state.ca.us. If you are unable to attend the workshop, written comments may be sent to the staff's project manager electronically or to the Energy Commission's street address shown on the letterhead of this notice.

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