

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION1516 NINTH STREET
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-5512**DOCKET**
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NOTICE OF RECEIPT
PETITION TO
EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION
FOR THE
BLYTHE ENERGY PROJECT PHASE II (02-AFC-1C)

On October 29, 2010, Caithness Blythe II, LLC filed a petition with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) requesting to extend the construction deadline for the Blythe Energy Project Phase II. This petition proposes to extend the deadline of the current license from December 14, 2010 to December 14, 2011.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

On February 18, 2002, Caithness Blythe II, LLC (Caithness), submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission (CEC or Commission), for the Blythe Energy Project, Phase II (BEP II or Project). The Commission certified the Project in its Decision dated December 14, 2005, Docket Number 02-AFC-1C and to date the project has not been constructed.

The BEP II is licensed as a nominally rated 520-megawatt (MW) combined-cycle facility with a maximum output of 538 MWs. The Project is located within the City of Blythe, approximately five miles west of the center of the City. The BEP II site boundary is located on approximately a 76-acre site immediately adjacent to the operational Blythe Energy Project (BEP I).

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED REQUEST

The petition requests the following:

Energy Commission approval to extend the commencement of construction by one year, from December 14, 2010 to December 14, 2011 to enable Caithness to continue processing their current Amendment which was submitted on October 23, 2009 without having their construction deadline lapse.

ENERGY COMMISSION REVIEW PROCEDURES

The purpose of the Energy Commission's review process is to assess the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality, public health, and safety. The review process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed changes with the Energy Commission's Decision and, if the project, as modified, will remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (Title 20, Calif. Code of Regulations, section 1769). Energy Commission staff is currently analyzing the request and will publish an analysis in the near future. A public hearing for the purpose of approving or denying the amendment proposal will be held at a regularly scheduled Energy Commission business meeting.

This Notice of Receipt is being mailed to interested parties and property owners adjacent to the project site who may want to participate in the amendment process.

The petition is available on the Energy Commission's website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/huntingtonbeach/compliance/index.html>. The staff analysis (when published), will also be posted on the website. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the petition and/or staff's analysis, please complete the enclosed Information Request Form and return it to the address shown.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Christina Snow, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 651-3770, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at: csnow@energy.state.ca.us within 14 days of the date of this notice.

For further information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact the Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to the Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

Date: _____

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INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMMISSION DECISION TO EXTEND CONSTRUCTION COMMENCEMENT BY ONE YEAR.

PLEASE CHECK THE DOCUMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE:

- PETITION TO AMEND
STAFF ANALYSIS
COMMISSION ORDER

PROJECT: BLYTHE ENERGY PROJECT PHASE II
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