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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT
PETITION TO AMEND**

**THE ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION for the
BOTTLE ROCK GEOTHERMAL POWER PROJECT (79-AFC-4C)
TO CHANGE THE OWNERSHIP, ALLOW THE RESTART OF OPERATION AFTER
SUSPENSION, AND ALLOW 11 FACILITY DESIGN CHANGES**

On August 4, 2006, the California Energy Commission received a petition from the Bottle Rock Power Corporation to amend the Decision for the Bottle Rock Geothermal Power Project. The Commission certified the 55 MW Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bottle Rock Geothermal Power Plant in 1980, and operations to produce electricity for the State Water Project commenced in 1985. In 1990, DWR determined to close the facility due to a lack of steam. In 1993, the Commission approved an amendment to the Decision that reduced the monitoring and reporting requirements in consideration of the plant's shutdown status.

In 2001, the Commission approved the transfer of the power plant from DWR to the Bottle Rock Power Corporation, the latter assuming the responsibilities and obligations imposed by the conditions of certification of the power plant, including those that apply to the current suspension of power plant operations. The associated steamfield remains under the jurisdiction of Lake County pursuant to Lake County Amended Use Permit 85-27. In May of 2005, the Commission approved an amendment to the Decision that extended the environmental monitoring program during suspended operations.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

The Bottle Rock Power Corporation (BRPC), the owner of the Bottle Rock Geothermal Power Plant, has submitted a petition to change the ownership to Bottle Rock Power, LLC (BRP), amend the Decision to allow the restart of operation, and complete the following 11 design changes at the facility:

- Install vacuum pumps to maintain vacuum in the condenser versus reliance upon steam injectors;
- Install a distributive control system for the plant;
- Add a new skim line in the Stretford H2S abatement system;
- Add a mercury vapor filter upstream of the Stretford H2S abatement system;
- Add air spargers to the oxidizer tanks in the Stretford H2S abatement system;
- Change the operation and design of the secondary H2S abatement system;
- Add a second main steam line isolation valve;
- Install a variable speed, automating steam stacking system;
- Install a new design in the steam washing system;
- Add a steam sampling point downstream of the Burgess Manning main steam separator; and
- Install exterior lighting abatement improvements.

ENERGY COMMISSION REVIEW PROCEDURES

The purpose of the Energy Commission's review process is to assess the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality, and 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 changed, 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 coordinating its review with local, state and federal agencies as applicable. Energy Commission staff will publish an analysis in the next several weeks. A public hearing for the purpose of approving or denying the amendment proposal will subsequently be held at a regularly scheduled Energy Commission business meeting.

The petition is available on the Energy Commission's website at www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/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.

The Energy Commission will be holding a public workshop in the project area in the near future. The workshop will be noticed separately to the amendment mailing list and placed on the Energy Commission's website listed above.

If you have any comments or questions on the amendment, please contact Christopher Meyer, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 653-1639, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at: cmeyer@energy.state.ca.us within 14 days of the date of this notice.

This Notice of Receipt is being mailed to all interested parties and property owners adjacent to the project site who were on the mailing lists during the permitting process and who may want to participate in the amendment process. If you remain on the mailing list, you will receive documents such as this public notice regarding post-certification changes to the project. If you want to remain on the mailing list, please complete and return the enclosed form within 30 days. You may also fax your request to (916) 654-3882, or you may transmit the information requested in the form by e-mail to Christopher Meyer, the Compliance Project Manager, at: cmeyer@energy.state.ca.us. Be sure to provide your current mailing address. To avoid unwanted mailings, only those who respond within 30 days of the date of this notice will be retained on the final post-certification mailing list. If you have any questions, you may call Mr. Meyer at (916) 653-1639, or call the compliance unit toll-free number at (800) 858-0784.

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For further information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact Margret J. Kim, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at pao@energy.state.ca.us. If you require special accommodations, please contact Lourdes Quiroz at (916) 654-5146. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMMISSION DECISION TO CHANGE OWNERSHIP, RESTART OF OPERATION, AND 11 FACILITY DESIGN CHANGES AT THE BOTTLE ROCK POWER PLANT PROJECT.

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REMAIN ON THE MAILING LIST AND CIRCLE THE DOCUMENTS FOR THE CURRENT AMENDMENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE:

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PROJECT: Bottle Rock Power Plant

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