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**NOTICE OF
PREHEARING
CONFERENCE**

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**BLYTHE ENERGY PROJECT II
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
DOCKET NO. 02-AFC-1**

**Important Notice to
Public & Agencies:**

**Prehearing Conference
topics:**

- Air Quality
- Alternatives
- Biology
- Compliance
- Cultural Resources
- Efficiency
- Facility Design
- Geology
- Hazardous Materials
- Land Use
- Noise
- Public Health
- Reliability
- Socioeconomics
- Traffic and Transportation
- Transmission Line Safety
- Transmission System Engineering
- Waste Management
- Water Quality & Soils
- Water Resources
- Worker Safety
- Visual Resources

The California Energy Commission Blythe II Committee (Committee) is reviewing an Application for Certification (AFC) filed in February 2002 by Caithness Blythe II LLC to add to the existing Blythe Energy Project with a 520-megawatt, natural gas-fired, combined cycle electric generation facility.

The Committee will conduct a Prehearing Conference covering all potential impacts of the proposed power plant. **The public and interested agencies are encouraged to attend and make comments on the topics to be discussed listed in the side bar.** Written comments on the topics can be submitted to the Energy Commission, Docket Unit (02-AFC-1), 1516 - 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 **before June 24, 2005.**

Documents: The Applicant's information concerning the potential impacts is found in its AFC and data responses. In addition, the staff of the Energy Commission has published an independent analysis in the Final Staff Assessment (FSA), released April 29, 2005. The Staff Assessment also evaluates potential project impacts, mitigation and proposed conditions of certification for each topic listed in the side bar.

The Final Staff Assessment is available in a printed version as well as for viewing on the Energy Commission Web Site:

www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/blythe2

You can obtain a printed copy of the Final Staff Assessment by contacting Staff Project Manager Bill Pfanner, at 916-654-4206 or e-mail: **[bpfanner@energy.state.ca.us]**

**Pre-Hearing Conference
- Date & Place:**



**Wednesday, June 29, 2005
Beginning at 9:00 a.m.
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, CA 95814**

As a convenience, parties and members of the public who cannot attend the hearing in person may participate by calling the toll-free number for the proceeding: 888-820-8951; Conference Leader: Garret Shean; Passcode: Blythe Call.

**Prehearing Conference
– Purpose &
Procedures:**

The Committee will conduct a Prehearing Conference to assess readiness for evidentiary hearings, to identify areas of agreement and dispute, and discuss procedures for the evidentiary hearing. To present evidence that will become part of the record upon which the Proposed Decision is based, a person, group or agency must become an intervenor, also known as a “party” to the proceeding. (See below) **All Petitions to Intervene must be submitted no later than June 29, 2005.**

During the Prehearing Conference, the Hearing Officer will maintain a list of topics (See Appendix A) which will include, among other things, an indication of whether any party requests an opportunity to present evidence or cross-examine a witness on that topic and the nature and length of the expected testimony.

**Prehearing Conference
Statement:**

Any party intending to present a witness at the evidentiary hearing shall file and serve a statement identifying the issue to be presented and the name of the witness(es) on or before June 24, 2005. The statement shall include a description of any potential legal issue and a description of the factual evidence potentially in dispute and the nature of the party's intended testimony.

**Becoming an
“Intervenor:”**

Anyone with a legitimate interest relevant to the siting of the proposed power plant may file a Petition to Intervene and become a formal party to this proceeding. Party status provides the rights to present independent evidence, receive pertinent documents, and cross-examine witnesses; it also imposes the duty to comply with various orders, procedures, and filing requirements, as well as be subject to cross-examination by other parties.

In this proceeding, a Petition to Intervene shall be filed **no later than June 29, 2005**. The Energy Commission, through its Public Adviser's office, will assist anyone interested in preparing a Petition to Intervene. Contact Margret J. Kim, the Public Adviser at 916-654-4489 or toll-free 800-822-6228 or by e-mail at [pao@energy.state.ca.us]

**Evidentiary Hearings –
Dates and Place:**

The tentative date(s) of the evidentiary hearing are August 1 and 2, 2005, in Blythe, California.

Public Participation:

800-822-6228
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916-654-4489

Members of the public may participate in all phases of the licensing process in a variety of ways. If you need information concerning public participation, please contact Margret J. Jim, 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] Persons requiring special assistance contact the Public Adviser five days prior to the hearing.

Information concerning the status of the project, notices and other relevant documents are available on the Commission's Web Site at:

[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/blythe2]

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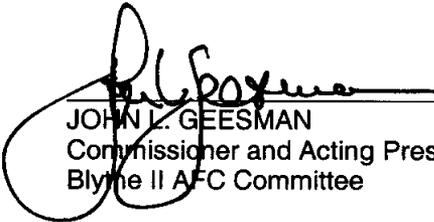
Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to the Energy Commission Staff's Project Manager, Bill Pfanner, at 916-654-4206 or e-mail: [bpfanner@energy.state.ca.us]

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Garret Shean, the Hearing Officer, at 916-654-3893 or e-mail at: [gshean@energy.state.ca.us]

Media inquiries should be directed to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director for Media and Public Communications, at 916-654-4989 or by e-mail at: [energia@energy.ca.gov]

Dated: June 8, 2005

**ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND
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ORDER OF TOPICS

COMMITTEE PREHEARING CONFERENCE
June 29, 2005

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Noise	
Biology	
Water Resources	
Water Quality & Soils	
Visual Resources	
Air Quality	
Alternatives	
Public Health	
Traffic/Trans	
Socioeconomic	
Land Use	
Trans. Sys. Eng.	
Trans. Line Safety	
Efficiency	
Geology	
Facility Design	
Reliability	
Worker Safety	
Cultural Resources	
Waste Management	
Hazardous Materials	
Compliance	

**BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE
BLYTHE ENERGY PROJECT
PHASE II**

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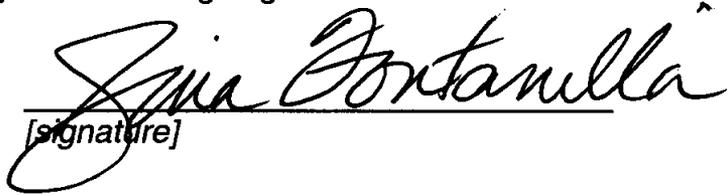
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