

## CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
PRELIMINARY STAFF ASSESSMENT  
FOR THE PASTORIA ENERGY FACILITY EXPANSION PROJECT**

On April 29, 2005, Calpine Corporation filed an Application for Certification (AFC) for the Pastoria Energy Facility Expansion (PEFE) project seeking approval from the Energy Commission to construct and operate an additional 160 MW (megawatt) unit at its existing power plant site on Tejon Ranch in Kern County. The 750 MW Pastoria Energy Facility (PEF) was approved by the Energy Commission (99-AFC-7) in December 2000, and began operation in May 2005. The Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) contains the Energy Commission staff's evaluation of the applicant's AFC (05-AFC-1) for the PEFE project.

The power plant is under the Energy Commission's siting authority. The power plant certification process examines engineering, environmental, public health, and safety aspects of power plant proposals and contains analyses similar to those required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). When issuing a license, the Energy Commission is the lead state agency under CEQA, and its process is functionally equivalent to the preparation of an EIR. After a 30-day public comment period on the PSA, staff will issue its testimony in the form of the Final Staff Assessment (FSA).

Please provide any written comments to J. W. Reede, Siting Project Manager by Friday, October 21, 2005. You may also present your comments at the PSA workshop scheduled for October 4, 2005 at the Energy Commission. The workshop has been separately noticed. The public, local, State, and federal agencies are encouraged to participate.

The Preliminary Staff Assessment and other relevant documents are available on the Energy Commission's website at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/pastoria2> and in printed version upon request. If you would like a copy of the PSA, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the California Energy Commission, Attention: Angela Hockaday, 1516 Ninth Street, MS-15, Sacramento, CA 95814-5512, phone (916) 654-3925.

Persons wanting information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project should contact Ms. Margret Kim, 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 J. W. Reede, Siting Project Manager, at (916) 653-1245 or by email at [jreede@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:jreede@energy.state.ca.us). News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Executive Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989.

DATE: 9/21/05

Roger E. Johnson  
Siting and Compliance Office Manager

<b>DOCKET</b>
<b>05-AFC-1</b>
DATE <u>SEP 21 2005</u>
RECD. <u>SEP 22 2005</u>

**Please send me a copy of the California Energy Commission staff's Preliminary Staff Assessment for the Pastoria Energy Facility Expansion Project, Application for Certification (05-AFC-1).**

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