On September 10, 2007, the Kern River Cogeneration Company (KRCC) submitted a petition with the California Energy Commission requesting to modify the Kern River Cogeneration project. Following discussions with KRCC, processing of the petition was suspended until Energy Commission staff could work with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) to determine final air quality limits resulting from the proposed modifications. On February 13, 2008, the Energy Commission received revised information from the District.

The 300-megawatt project was certified by the Energy Commission on August 24, 1983, and began commercial operation on August 1, 1985. The facility is located in Oildale, approximately three miles north of Bakersfield, in Kern County.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION**

The proposed modifications in the petition would allow the installation of enhanced dry-low NOx combustors in Units one, two, three and four. The proposed modifications would allow KRCC to comply with the District retrofit rule 4703. These modifications reflect a number of minor changes necessary to bring the Energy Commission’s Certification into conformance with the Permit to Operate for KRCC reissued in January 2008 by the District pursuant to rule 4703, and the issuance of the Title V air quality permit by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**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 to determine whether 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 analyzed the request and has published the analysis. A public hearing for the purpose of approving or denying the amendment proposal will be held at an upcoming 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/siting_pre-1999_compliance/index.html. The staff has completed its analysis which is posted on the same page of the website. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the petition and/or staff analysis, please complete the enclosed Information Request Form and return it to the address shown.
If you have any comments or questions, please contact Chris Davis, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-4842, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at: cmdavis@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 pao@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission media office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

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