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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Blackhawk Logistics LLC's "Blythe LNG Public Access Infrastructure Project"

The California Energy Commission has prepared an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for a proposed \$600,000 grant to Blackhawk Logistics, LLC and invites your comments. Blackhawk Logistics, LLC is recommended for a grant award under solicitation PON-11-602 of the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program. The proposed grant will be used to fund the construction of a publicly accessible liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility at 450 South Willow Street in the City of Blythe, CA.

Project Description:

This project involves the multi-phase development of a Liquefied and Compressed Natural Gas (LCNG) fueling station. The station will support Border Valley Trading and HayDay Farms's LNG vehicle fleet operations as well as other alternative fuel fleets and retail users along the Interstate-10 freeway corridor connecting Phoenix and the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. This project will help local and regional goods movement and public agency fleets transition to natural gas vehicles. Additional objectives are the displacement of 758,275 gallons of annual diesel use with LNG in 2015 and the displacement 4,798 metric tons of GHG emissions from 2013-2015.

The first phase of development will include the installation of an up to 15,000 gallon storage tank and ancillary equipment for dispensing of LNG fuel. Phase 1 of the development will include site preparation, the installation of utilities, supporting safety equipment, and a portable toilet module, as well as the construction of driveways, concrete pads, a storm water retention basin and landscaping improvements.

Subsequent phases of development are not currently proposed for grant funding. This subsequent development may include the expansion of LNG storage to 30,000 gallons, the addition of 1 or more fueling dispensers, and the addition of a CNG fueling facility with 1 or more fueling dispensers.

Findings:

The Energy Commission is the lead agency for the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act. Based on the Initial Study, Energy Commission staff has determined that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. Therefore, staff

recommends that the Commission adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project.

Public Review Period:

November 6, 2012:	Beginning of public review and comment period
December 7, 2012:	Last day of public review and comment period
December 12, 2012:	Commission decision at public Business Meeting, beginning at 10:00 AM in Hearing Room A, 1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Availability of Documents:

The Energy Commission Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are available at the following locations:

- Online at [www.energy.ca.gov/altfuels]
- California Energy Commission Library, 1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM
- Development Services Counter in Blythe City Hall, 235 North Broadway, Blythe, CA 92225, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM

Public Comment:

Oral comments. The Energy Commission will accept oral comments during the December 12, 2012 Business Meeting. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Written Comments. Written comments are accepted during the public review period stated above. Please submit written comments to Donald Coe by 5:00 p.m. on December 7, 2012. All written comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding and may be posted to the Energy Commission's website.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name and any organization name. Please indicate "Blackhawk – Negative Declaration" in the subject line. Send comments to: donald.coe@energy.ca.gov

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

California Energy Commission
Emerging Fuels & Technologies Office MS-27
Re: ARV-11-027 Blackhawk - Negative Declaration
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If you have questions on the subject matter of this proceeding, please contact donald.coe@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-3941