



**BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
1516 NINTH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE
PIO PICO ENERGY CENTER**

DOCKET No. 11-AFC-1

NOTICE OF SITE VISIT AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING

On February 10, 2011, Pio Pico Energy Center LLC submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission seeking permission to construct and operate a nominal 300 megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired simple-cycle generating facility, the Pio Pico Energy Center (PPEC). The project site is on approximately 10 acres of disturbed land located on Alta Road at Calzada de la Fuente in the Otay Mesa area of unincorporated San Diego County.

As the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all applications to construct and operate thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, in California. The Energy Commission facility certification process carefully examines public health and safety, environmental impacts and engineering aspects of proposed power plants and all related facilities such as electric transmission lines and natural gas and water pipelines.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Energy Commission has designated a Committee of two commissioners to conduct proceedings on the Application. The Committee has scheduled a public Site Visit and Informational Hearing to discuss the proposed project as described below:

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2011

**Site Visit begins (bus leaves) at 3:00 p.m.
Public Informational Hearing begins at 4:15 p.m.
Public Comment Period begins at 5:15 p.m.**

**Southwestern College
Higher Education Center at Otay Mesa
8100 Gigantic Street
Otay Mesa, CA 92154
(Map Attached)**

TELECONFERENCE OPTION: You may participate in the Informational Hearing in person or by telephone and/or computer via our "WebEx" web conferencing system. For details on how to participate, please see the "Participation through WebEx" directions attached to this Notice.

Prior to the Informational Hearing, members of the public are invited to join the Committee on a tour of the proposed site. Pio Pico Energy Center LLC will provide transportation to and from the site. For reservations, leave a message with the Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or 1-800-822-6228 or e-mail: **[publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us]**, giving your name, telephone number and the number of persons requesting a reservation. Please make your reservation prior to **Wednesday, May 11, 2011**, so that we can assure you a seat.

Purpose of the Site Visit and Informational Hearing

The Site visit and Informational Hearing scheduled in this Notice provides an opportunity for members of the community in the project vicinity to obtain information, to offer comments and concerns, and to view the project site. The Applicant will explain plans for developing the project and the related facilities, the Energy Commission staff will explain the licensing process and Staff's role in reviewing the project and the Public Adviser's Office will explain how to participate in the process.

Background

On April 20, 2011, the Energy Commission began its review of the Pio Pico Energy Center AFC. During the review period, the Energy Commission will determine whether the proposed project complies with applicable laws related to public health and safety, environmental impacts, and engineering requirements. The Informational Hearing is sponsored by the Energy Commission to inform the public about the project and to invite public participation in the review process. The Energy Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to license this project.

The power plant licensing process, which incorporates requirements equivalent to the California Environmental Quality Act, considers all relevant engineering and environmental aspects of the proposed project. It provides a public forum allowing the Applicant, Commission staff, governmental agencies, adjacent landowners, and members of the general public to consider the advantages and disadvantages of the project, and to propose changes, mitigation measures, and alternatives as necessary.

Project Description

The PPEC would include three General Electric (GE) LMS100 natural gas-fired combustion turbine generators (CTG) together with air emissions control equipment.

The facility would connect to the existing Otay Mesa power plant switchyard via a new overhead 230-kV transmission line. The project would also include an above-ground

aqueous ammonia storage tank, three water storage tanks, and separate underground pipelines to transport natural gas, potable water, reclaimed water, storm water and waste water.

The total net generating capacity would be 300 MW, with each CTG capable of generating 100 MW.

The engineering and environmental details of the proposed project are contained in the AFC. Copies of the AFC are available at the local public agencies that are involved in the review process and at the following libraries: Bonita Sunnyside Branch; Civic Center Branch Library; East Lake Branch Library; Imperial Beach Branch Library; Lincoln Acres Branch Library; Otay Mesa Nestor Branch Library.

Copies of the AFC are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento; the California State Library in Sacramento; and at public libraries in San Diego, San Francisco, Fresno, Central and South Chula Vista.

Proposed Schedule and Issue Identification Report

To assist the parties and public in understanding the process, Energy Commission staff shall file a proposed schedule for project review. Staff shall also file an Issues Identification Report summarizing the major issues. The proposed schedule and Staff's report shall be filed by **5:00 pm on May 10, 2011**. The Applicant shall file its response, if any, by **12:00 noon on May 13, 2011**.

Public Adviser and Public Participation

The Energy Commission invites members of the public and other interested parties to participate either on an informal basis or by intervening in the proceeding. Both types of participation allow written and oral comments. At the informal participation level, written and oral public comments are considered by the Commissioners and are part of the record, but are not part of the formal evidentiary record. Intervenors have the right to introduce evidence into the evidentiary record and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses.

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office is available to provide the public with an understanding of a proceeding and to make recommendations for meaningful participation. For assistance, contact Jennifer Jennings, the Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or 800-822-6228 or e-mail at: **[publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us]**

Contact Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Raoul Renaud, the Hearing Officer, at (916) 651-2020 or e-mail: **[rrenaud@energy.state.ca.us]**.

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Eric Solorio, the Staff Project Manager, at (916) 651-0966 or e-mail: [\[esolorio@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:esolorio@energy.state.ca.us).

Media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission's Media Office at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail at: [\[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate, please contact Lourdes Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 or e-mail at: [\[lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us).

Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: [\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/piopico/index.html\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/piopico/index.html).

Dated April 29, 2011, at Sacramento, California.



CARLA PETERMAN
Commissioner and Presiding Member
Pio Pico Energy Center AFC Committee



KAREN DOUGLAS
Commissioner and Associate Member
Pio Pico Energy Center Committee

PARTICIPATION IN THE PIO PICO INFORMATIONAL HEARING THROUGH WEBEX
THE ENERGY COMMISSION'S ON-LINE MEETING SERVICE

1. COMPUTER LOG-ON WITH A DIRECT PHONE NUMBER:

- Please go to <https://energy.webex.com> and enter the meeting number *unique* to the specific hearing date:

➤ *Informational Hearing* unique meeting number: 924 797 801

- When prompted, enter your information and the MEETING PASSWORD: piopico#1

After you login, a prompt will appear on-screen for you to provide your phone number. In the **Number box**, type your area code and phone number and click OK. **You will receive a call back on your phone for the audio portion of the meeting.** International callers can use the "Country/Region" button to help make their connection.

2. COMPUTER LOG-ON FOR CALLERS WITH AN EXTENSION PHONE NUMBER, ETC:

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- *Instead call 1-866-469-3239 (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada). When prompted, enter the meeting number above and your unique Attendee ID number which is listed in the top left area of your computer screen after you login.*

3. TELEPHONE ONLY (NO COMPUTER ACCESS):

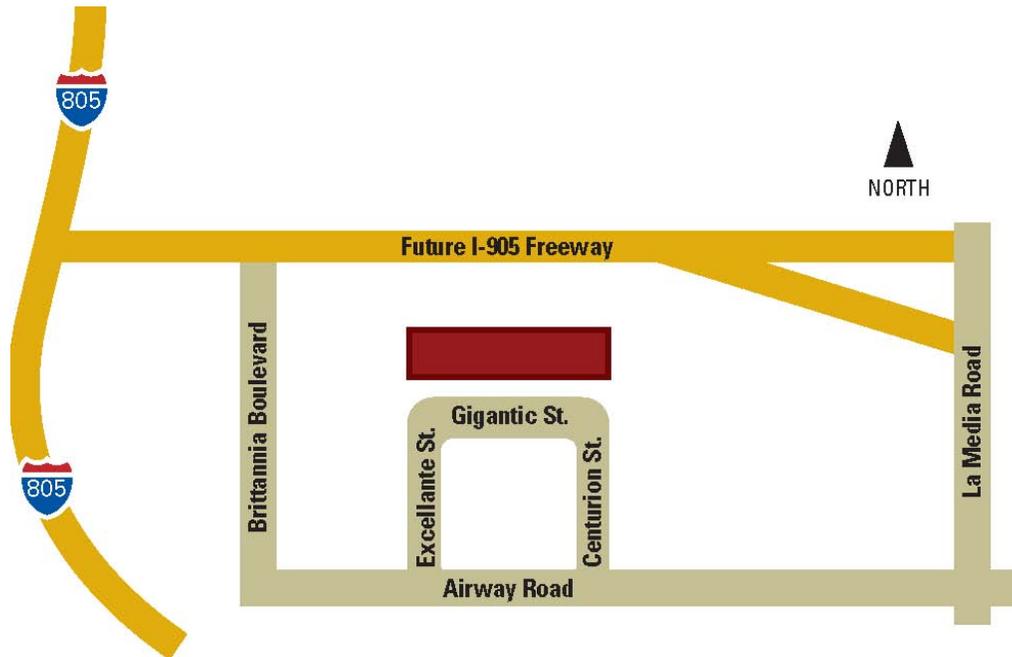
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If you have difficulty joining the meeting, please call the WebEx Technical Support number at 1-866-229-3239. To see if your computer is compatible, visit [<http://support.webex.com/support/system-requirements.html>].

Please be aware that the meeting's WebEx audio and on-screen activity may be recorded.

SITE VISIT and INFORMATIONAL HEARING
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Higher Education Center at Otay Mesa
8100 Gigantic Street
Otay Mesa, CA 92154



DIRECTIONS:

805 South to 905 East. Make a right on Britannia Blvd. Make a left on Airway Road. Make a left on Excellante Street. The college is located approximately two blocks east of Airway Road.

PARKING AREAS



Permit-Required Parking, Permits Available for purchase

Hearing Location

Bus Pick Up / Drop Off Location for the Site Visit

Free On-Street Public Parking

ADMINISTRATION	4100	ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY	4400	LIBRARY	4200
ADMISSIONS & RECORDS	4100	EOPS	4100	NURSING PROGRAM	4400
ASSESSMENT	4100	FINANCIAL AID	4100	POLICE ACADEMY	4300
BOOKSTORE	4200	FIRE SCIENCE	4400	READING LAB	4400
CAREER & TRANSFER CENTER	4100	FITNESS CENTER	4300	SCIENCE LABS	4400
COMPUTER LABS	4400	FOOD SERVICES	4200	SECURITY	4100
CONFERENCE CENTER	4500	HEALTH SERVICES	4500	STUDENT ACTIVITIES	4500
COUNSELING	4100	INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	4100	STUDENT CENTER	4200
DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES	4100	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS PROGRAM	4300	STUDENT SERVICES	4100
EMT / PARAMEDIC PROGRAM	4400	LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER	4200		

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