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In the Matter of:		
BLYTHE ENERGY PROJECT PHASE II	)	Docket No. 02-AFC-1C
	)	
	)	**Order No.** 10-1201-21
CAITHNESS BLYTHE II, LLC	)	**ORDER APPROVING** Extension of the
	)	Deadline for Commencement of Construction

INTRODUCTION

On October 29, 2010, Caithness, LLC, filed a petition to extend the deadline for the commencement of construction of the Blythe Energy Project Phase II, located within the City of Blythe, approximately five miles west of the center of the City on an approximate 76 acre site immediately adjacent to the operational Blythe Energy Project. The petitioner requests an extension of one year, from December 14, 2010 to December 14, 2011. The deadline, set by regulation, is otherwise five years from the effective date of the California Energy Commission's (Energy Commission) decision. An applicant may request and receive an Energy Commission order of an extension for good cause prior to the commencement of the construction deadline. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1720.3.)

This matter was heard at the regularly scheduled Business Meeting held on December 1, 2010, at which time staff and petitioner addressed the Energy Commission.

DISCUSSION

Through its petition and these proceedings, the petitioner, Caithness, LLC, has requested a one-year extension of the commencement of construction deadline so that staff can complete an analysis on a pending October 2009 petition to amend and make a final recommendation to the Energy Commission while ensuring that the deadline for commencement of construction does not expire.

In October 2009, a petition to amend the Blythe Energy Project Phase II was submitted that proposes several revisions to the application for certification that was approved in December 2005. Staff is currently in the process of analyzing this separate petition to amend, and is

waiting for additional information from the petitioner in order to complete the analysis and make a final recommendation to the Energy Commission.

Staff presented information provided by the applicant and deferred to the Energy Commission for a determination of whether good cause exists under Section 1720.3 of the Siting Regulations.

CONCLUSION AND ORDER

Having determined good cause, shown by the petitioner, the Energy Commission hereby grants the petition to extend the start of construction for the Blythe Energy Project Phase II from December 14, 2010 to December 14, 2011. The extension shall be for the purpose of allowing staff to complete their analysis and make a final determination of the pending petition to amend.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: December 1, 2010

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KAREN DOUGLAS
Chairman