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Air District extends public comment period for proposed Hayward power plant

SAN FRANCISCO – The time period for public comment on a federal permit for a proposed power plant, the Russell City Energy Center, has been extended 15 days by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

Significant interest in the project has prompted the Air District to provide more time to gather public comments regarding the proposed power plant. The deadline of the public comment period for the Air District's consideration of the proposed Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit has been extended from January 22 to February 6.

The project is a 600-megawatt, natural gas-fired, combined-cycle power plant proposed by San Jose-based Russell City Energy Company, a Calpine Corporation affiliate. The proposed location is 3862 Depot Road in Hayward, near the corner of Depot and Cabot Boulevard.

"It is important to engage the public and get their input about the proposed permit," said Brian Bateman, engineering director for the Air District. "The Air District will consider all comments received before determining whether to issue a final PSD permit."

The Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit would be issued by the Air District on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Air District initially issued a permit for the project in 2002, but it was subsequently relocated approximately 1,500 feet to the north, requiring reconsideration of the permit.

Written comments on the project can be submitted to Mr. Weyman Lee, senior air quality engineer for the Air District, at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA, 94109, or emailed to weyman@baaqmd.gov. The comments must be received by 5 p.m. February 6.

For more information on the project, visit www.baaqmd.gov/pmt/public_notices/2008/15487/index.htm or contact Weyman Lee at weyman@baaqmd.gov or 415-749-4796.

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