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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Technical Conference

August 4, 2004.

Parties are invited to attend a technical conference in the above-referenced Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proceedings on August 9-11, 2004, at Pacific Gas and Electric Company Headquarters, San Francisco, California 94105. The technical conference will be held in Conference Room A in 245 Market Street, first floor, on August 9th and 10th and Room 2595 in 77 Beale Street on August 11th. The technical conference will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. (P.s.t.) on each day. Arrangements have been made for parties to listen to the technical conference by telephone.

The purpose of the conference is to identify the issues raised in these proceedings, develop information for use by Commission staff in preparing an order on the merits, and to facilitate any possible settlements in these proceedings. Specifically, the parties will discuss, among other things, the following unexecuted replacement agreements filed by PG&E in the above-referenced dockets: (1) The interconnection agreement between PG&E and Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), (2) the parallel operations agreement between PG&E and WAPA (PG&E Original Rate Schedule FERC No. 228), and (3) PG&E's wholesale distribution tariff service agreement for wholesale distribution service to WAPA.

Parties planning to attend this three-day technical conference must contact Joe Migocki at PG&E by 12 noon (Pacific time), Friday, August 6, 2004, at J3M9@pge.com or at (415) 973-6625, to develop a list of attendees for admission into PG&E's offices.

Questions about the conference and the telephone conference call arrangements should be directed to Julia A. Lake at (202) 502-8370 or Julia.lake@ferc.gov.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Petitions for Objection to State Operating Permits for Los Medanos Energy Center and Dow Chemical Company

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of final orders on petitions to object to two state operating permits.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the EPA Administrator has responded to two citizen petitions requesting EPA to object to operating permits issued to two facilities by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District ("BAAQMD"). Specifically, the Administrator has partially granted and partially denied a petition submitted by Our Children's Earth Foundation ("OCE") and Californians for Renewable Energy, Inc. ("CARE") requesting that the Administrator object to the state operating permit issued to Los Medanos Energy Center ("Los Medanos") in Pittsburgh, California; and denied in full a petition submitted by Communities for a Better Environment ("CBE") requesting that the Administrator object to the state operating permit issued to Dow Chemical ("Dow"), also located in Pittsburgh. This notice also corrects a non-substantive factual finding in the final order for the Los Medanos petition that OCE submitted late its comments on the draft permit to BAAQMD.

Pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Clean Air Act (ACT), a petitioner may seek judicial review of any portion of the petition which EPA denied in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit. Any petition for review shall be filed within 60 days from the date this notice appears in the

Federal Register, pursuant to section 307 of the Act.

DATES: Copies of the final orders, petitions, and other supporting information are available at the Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, Air Division, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. The final orders are also available electronically at: <http://www.epa.gov/region07/programs/artd/air/title5/petitiondb/petitions>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerardo Rios, Chief, Air Permits Office, EPA Region IX, telephone (415) 972-3974, e-mail r9airpermits@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA approves state and local permitting authorities to administer the operating permit program set forth in title V of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7661-7661f. BAAQMD administers a fully approved title V operating permit program. The Clean Air Act affords EPA the opportunity for a 45-day period to review, and object to as appropriate, operating permits proposed by permitting authorities. Section 505(b)(2) of the Act authorizes any person to petition the EPA Administrator within 60 days after the expiration of this review period to object to a state operating permit if EPA has not done so. Petitions must be based on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the public comment period provided by the state, unless the petitioner demonstrates that it was impracticable to raise these issues during the comment period or the grounds for the issues arose after this period.

I. Los Medanos Energy Center

On September 6, 2001, BAAQMD issued a final title V operating permit to Los Medanos. OCE and CARE ("Petitioners") submitted a petition to the Administrator on October 12, 2001, seeking EPA's objection to BAAQMD's issuance of the Los Medanos permit. The Petitioners alleged in their petition that the Los Medanos permit (1) improperly included an emergency breakdown exemption condition that incorporates a broader definition of "emergency" than allowed by 40 CFR 70.6(g); (2) improperly included a variance relief condition which is not federally enforceable; (3) failed to include a statement of basis as required by 40 CFR 70.7(a)(5); (4) contained permit conditions that are inadequate under 40 CFR part 70, namely that certain provisions are unenforceable; and (5) failed to incorporate certain changes OCE requested during the