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Commission recommends Oakley Generating Station Project

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A California Energy Commission siting committee is recommending the approval of the planned Oakley Generating Station Project in Contra Costa County.

In its presiding member's proposed decision (PMPD) released today, the committee said the 624-megawatt facility, as mitigated, will have no significant impacts on the environment, and complies with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and standards.

The proposed decision was based solely on the record of facts established during the facility's certification proceeding.

The PMPD is not a final decision on the project. The siting committee released the document for 30 days of public comment. The committee will consider input before bringing the proposed decision to the full Energy Commission. The entire document can be found on the Energy Commission's website at www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/oakley/documents/index.html.

The PMPD determined that the record, which contains a detailed environmental impact assessment required by the California Environmental Quality Act, was adequate. The record includes the Energy Commission staff's thorough and independent assessment of the project's potential impacts on the environment, public health and safety.

The Oakley Generating Station Project is being proposed by Contra Costa Generating Station, LLC, a limited liability corporation owned by Radback Energy, Inc. The proposed project is a natural gas-fired, combined-cycle electrical generating facility. The project is located on a 21.95-acre site in the city of Oakley in eastern Contra Costa County.

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