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CEC Approves Almond 2 Power Plant

TURLOCK – The California Energy Commission (CEC) approved the construction of TID’s proposed Almond 2 Power Plant (A2PP) on a 5-0 vote on Wednesday.

The state-of-the-art, natural-gas fired, simple-cycle peaking power generation facility, will be located next to the existing Almond Power Plant in Ceres, California. The plant will utilize the first 3 commercial units of the new General Electric LM6000PG series gas turbines.

“A2PP will add 174 megawatts to TID’s current generating capability. This project is important to TID and our community and represents about 150 jobs at peak as well as other short and long term economic benefits to the area,” stated Brian LaFollette, Interim Assistant General Manager of Power Supply.

The plant will assist TID in meeting our reliability obligations as a Balancing Authority, and will improve the economy, efficiency, and flexibility of our system, including the integration of intermittent renewable resources.

The Almond 2 Power Plant will use clean, efficient, and proven natural gas technology to generate electricity in a manner that will minimize the use of fuel, emissions of criteria pollutants, and potential effects on ambient air quality. The power plant will also use treated effluent (i.e. recycled water) from the City of Ceres’ Wastewater Treatment Plant for the project’s process water needs.

The application for construction was submitted to the CEC in May 2009. On site work will begin in early 2011 with commercial operation expected within 12 months of the start date.

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Link to the CEC’s news release:

http://www.energy.ca.gov/releases/2010_releases/2010-12-15_approval_almond2_NR.html

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