

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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FROM: TLMA - Planning Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
May 31, 2006

SUBJECT: Fast Track Commercial WECS Permit No. 114 / Fast Track Variance Case No. 1776 (FTA#05-07) - EA 40390 - Applicant: Garnet Energy Corporation - Engineer/Representative: Dudek & Associates - Fifth Supervisorial District - Thousand Palms Zoning District - Western Coachella Valley Area Plan: Rural Desert (RD) - Location: Southerly of Garnet Road/Interstate 10, easterly of Cooper Road - 67 Acres - Zoning: W-E - REQUEST: Construct and install 13 wind turbines rated at 500 kW of electrical power production each, at a total WECS height of up to 195 feet, and a 130 foot high meteorological tower, with variance to reduce scenic setbacks from 1000 feet to 500 feet along Interstate 10.

BACKGROUND: The project to install 13 wind turbines occurs on existing land zoned Wind Energy (W-E) and is adjacent to existing wind turbines within the City of Palm Springs. The site is located within the West Garnet Redevelopment Area which qualifies the project for fast track status. The Planning Commission discussed and approved the project.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RECEIVE AND FILE the Notice of Decision for the above referenced case acted on by the Planning Commission in La Quinta on April 19, 2006.

The Planning Department recommended Approval; and,
THE PLANNING COMMISSION BY A 4-0 VOTE (Commissioner Petty absent):

ADOPTED a **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** for **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 40390**, based on findings incorporated in the initial study and the conclusion that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and,

Robert C. Johnson
Planning Director

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REVIEWED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

DATE 5/31/06
Departmental Concurrence

- Policy
- Consent
- Dept't Recomm.:
- Per Exec. Ofc.:
- Policy
- Consent

Prev. Agn. Ref.

District: Fifth

Agenda Number:

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