

June 28, 2002

John Deacon
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PLANNING COMMISSION
HEARING OF JUNE 20, 2002

RE: Tranquillon Ridge Oil and Gas Development Project, 94-DP-027 RV02

Hearing on the request of Torch Operating Company on behalf of Nuevo Energy Company to consider Case No. 94-DP-027 RV02 [application filed on January 18, 2000] for approval of a Revised Development Plan under the provisions of Article II of the Coastal Zoning Ordinance and Article III of the Inland Zoning Ordinance, to Develop the Tranquillon Ridge Oil and Gas Project; and to certify the Environmental Impact Report, 01-EIR-04, pursuant to the State Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act. As a result of this project, significant effects on the environment are anticipated in the following categories: hazardous materials/risk of upset, terrestrial and freshwater resources, onshore water resources, marine biological resources, oceanography and marine water quality, commercial and recreational fishing/kelp harvesting, traffic, cultural resources, aesthetics/visual, recreation, geological resources, air quality, and agricultural resources. The EIR and all documents referenced therein may be reviewed at the Planning and Development Department, Energy Division, 30 E. Figueroa St., Santa Barbara. The EIR is also available for review at the Central Branch of the City of Santa Barbara Library, 40 E. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara, the Santa Maria Public Library, 420 S. Broadway, Santa Maria, and the Lompoc Library, 501 E. North Ave., Lompoc. The application involves multiple parcels in the Lompoc area, Third and Fourth Supervisorial Districts.

Dear Mr. Deacon:

At the Planning Commission special hearing of June 20, 2002, the Commission took the following actions:

Commissioner Tillman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jordan and failed by a vote of 2-2 (Valencia/Oberdeck no, Needham absent) to:

1. Deny the applicant's request to continue the item to a future Planning Commission hearing.

Commissioner Tillman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jordan and failed by a vote of 2-2 (Valencia/Oberdeck no, Needham absent) to:

1. Adopt the required findings for project denial specified in Attachment A of the staff report dated June 6, 2002, as revised, including CEQA findings;

2. Certify the Environmental Impact Report 01-EIR-04; and
3. Deny the Development Plan Revision (94-DP-027 RV02).

Commissioner Valencia moved, seconded by Commissioner Oberdeck and failed by a vote of 2-2 (Jordan/Tillman no, Needham absent) to:

1. Conceptually certify the Environmental Impact Report 01-EIR-04; and
2. Conceptually approve the Development Plan Revision (94-DP-027 RV02).

Commissioner Oberdeck moved, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and failed by a vote of 2-2 (Jordan/Tillman no, Needham absent) to:

1. Continue the item to the hearing of July 10, 2002.

Due to the split votes (2-2) all of the motions failed to pass. The motion's failure to pass are deemed a denial of the project (94-DP-027 RV02) pursuant to Planning Commission Procedures Manual, Section V., Procedural Standards, Item A.12, page 11.

Decisions of the Planning Commission may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors by the applicant or any interested person adversely affected by such decision. Appeal applications may be obtained at the Clerk of the Board's office. The appeal form must be filed along with any attachments to the Clerk of the Board. In addition to the appeal form a concise summary of fifty words or less, stating the reasons for the appeal, must be submitted with the appeal. The summary statement will be used for public noticing of your appeal before the Board of Supervisors. The appeal, which shall be in writing together with the accompanying applicable fee must be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the Planning Commission's decision. **The appeal period for this project ends on Monday, July 1, 2002 at 5:00 p.m.**

If this decision is appealed a filing fee for non-applicant appeals is \$435; for applicant appeals the fee is \$2,000 and must be delivered to the Clerk of the Board Office at 105 East Anapamu Street, Room 407, Santa Barbara, CA.

Sincerely,

Rita Bright
Secretary to the Planning Commission

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