

NOTICE OF INTENT

NOTICE OF INTENT IS HERBY GIVEN for the preparation of a Negative Declaration Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for Hell's Kitchen PowerCo 1 and LithiumCo 1 Project, pursuant to the *California Environmental Quality Act* and the County of Imperial's *Rules and Regulations to Implement California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as amended*.

LEAD AGENCY: Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department (ICPDS)

APPLICANT: Hell's Kitchen PowerCo 1, LLC and Hell's Kitchen Lithium Co1, LLC

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project would be located within Imperial County, California, approximately 3.6 miles west from the town of Niland. The Project would be adjacent to Davis Road and south of Noffsinger Road, within Controlled Thermal Resources (US), Inc. (CTR), geothermal lease area and on lands owned by Imperial Irrigation District (IID). The gen-tie line will run from Noffsinger Road approximately 2 miles south to McDonald Road and then will run approximately 0.3 miles east to Hudson Ranch. The gen-tie line will be located east of Davis Road and north of McDonald Road within Imperial Irrigation District's (IID) transmission right-of-way and within new right-of-way. The geothermal development area and lithium facilities would be within Sections 11 and 12 of Township 11 South, Range 13 East, San Bernardino Base Meridian, and the gen-tie/power line ROW corridor is located within Sections 12, 13, and 14 of Township 11 South, Range 13 East.

The project site is is not listed on any list under Government Code Section 65962.5.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Controlled Thermal Resources (US) Inc. via its subsidiary Hell's Kitchen Geothermal, LLC is proposing the Hell's Kitchen PowerCo 1 (HKP1), and Hell's Kitchen LithiumCo 1 LLC is proposing the Hell's Kitchen LithiumCo 1 (HKL1) in Imperial County, California. HKP1 involves the development of a geothermal power plant that will produce up to 49.9 megawatts (MW) net of geothermal green energy. HKL1 involves development of mineral extraction and processing facilities capable of producing lithium hydroxide, silica and polymetallic products, and possibly boron compounds, for commercial sale. HKP1 and HKL1 (together referred to as the Proposed Project) will be constructed by Hell's Kitchen PowerCo 1 LLC and Hell's Kitchen LithiumCo 1 LLC respectively, both subsidiaries of Controlled Thermal Resources (US) Inc. (CTR) and will have shared facilities. Hell's Kitchen Operating Services LLC, also a subsidiary of Controlled Thermal Resources (US) Inc. will operate and maintain these facilities.

PUBLIC HEARING: An Imperial County Planning Commission public hearing will be conducted on a day to be determined in the County Administration Center (Board Room) located at 940 Main Street, El Centro, CA, 92243 to consider the adoption of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, in conjunction with the proposed project.

COMMENT PERIOD: 08/30/23 to 10/13/23 at 5:00 p.m.

Comments will be accepted for the proposed project during this period. You may submit comments by mail, fax or email at ICPDSCCommentLetters@co.imperial.ca.us. Only comments submitted during the specified period will be considered unless otherwise allowed under CEQA.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: All required documents for the project are available at the ICPDS office located at 801 Main St. El Centro, CA 92243 during normal working hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,
Jim Minnick, Director
Planning & Development Services