

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: ACC, Inc. Rice Hull Biomass Energy Production

Lead Agency: County of Colusa

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Project Location: 3,500-feet east the City of Williams in the County of Colusa

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project consists of the establishment of a biomass energy plant utilizing rice hulls capable of producing 3.6 MW of electricity. The project will be located at the American Commodity Company (ACC) rice processing facility at 6133 Abel Road approximately 3,500-feet east of the City of Williams (Husted Road). The project site is relatively flat and is located in an area used for rice farming and agricultural products processing. All major construction activity will be located on the building pad for the existing processing facility. The purpose of the project is to utilize ACC's and other nearby facilities rice hulls to provide 3.0 MW of net electric power (3.6 gross) for export sale to Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) under a Bioenergy Marketing Adjusting Tariff (BioMAT) power purchase contract. The proposed bioenergy facility includes a thermal oil (TO) heater integrated with an organic rankine cycle (ORC) generator that is interconnected with the PG&E power grid. Other activities include on site delivery of rice hulls from other facilities and the exporting of the ash resulting from the process. The existing entrance to the facility will be utilized for these activities and only minor on site improvements are necessary to accommodate this aspect of the project. The project will utilize approximately 6-acres.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Air Quality could be affected due to construction activities and emissions from the facility. However, the construction of the facility will utilize the best available control technology (BACT) and may lead to a significant reduction in vehicle miles traveled for diesel trucks in the area. These factors combined with requirement for an Authority to Construct Permit from the Colusa County Air Pollution Control District will reduce impact to a less than significant level. There is potential GGS habitat located along the irrigation and drainage ditches adjacent to the project site. No significant impacts to biological resources is expected due to construction activities planned in these areas. Any construction activities resulting in the discovery of potential cultural resources will result in a stoppage of work and consultation with a qualified archaeologist to prevent significant impacts. The project will result in the storage and use of hazardous materials. Significant impacts resulting from routine, transport, use, disposal of hazardous materials or accidental spills shall be reduced to a less than significant level by updating the Hazardous Materials Business Plan, preparing and Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan to be approved by Colusa County Environmental Health Division. All new equipment will meet all standards of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM).

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

At this time there are no known areas of controversy.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

CA Energy Commission
CA Public Utilities Commission
CA Fish and Wildlife
CalTrans