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Commission responds to energy plant lawsuit

In response to a lawsuit filed by a Tracy resident to halt construction of a power plant, the California Energy Commission said it conducted a thorough environmental review of the project. The commission's response concluded that the lawsuit, filed by Robert Sarvey, "presents a melange of vague and unsubstantiated claims" about Pittsburg-based GWF Power Systems' 169-megawatt peaker plant now being built at Lammers and Schulte roads west of Tracy. The commission pointed out that it held several workshops, meetings and hearings to give opponents a chance to voice their concerns. The project will not have significant environmental impacts or pose a threat to public health and safety, the commission concluded. In the lawsuit, Sarvey argued that the project would increase air pollution, and that the builder hasn't taken enough action to offset it.

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