

FLORIDA ENERGY & CLIMATE COMMISSION

Staff Analysis

Subject: Grant Agreement S0326, Amendment #2

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Background

The FECC's predecessor (Department of Environmental Protection's Florida Energy Office) entered into agreement January 29, 2008 with Alico Energy, LLC. This project was selected for funding through a competitive Request for Grant Proposals process initiated in October 2006. The original plan entailed the construction and operation of a 7.7 million gallon per year commercial ethanol facility using the gasification/fermentation technology developed by Bioengineering Resources, Inc. (BRI) of Fayetteville, Arkansas. The Grantee (Alico) entered into an organizational arrangement with New Planet Energy, LLC to create NPE Florida, LLC, a Florida corporation that will assume the stated objectives of Alico Energy, LLC and be its successor in developing cellulosic ethanol production in the State of Florida using the gasification/fermentation technology developed by BRI. NPE Florida, LLC now plans to construct a 32 million gallon per year commercial ethanol facility. Alico has requested that the grant be amended to recognize NPE Florida, LLC as the new grantee who was legally assigned the rights and obligations of this project from Alico Energy LLC. The amendment would also provide an update on the project, timeline and budget.

Summary of Action

Approval is requested to amend grant agreement S0326 to recognize NPE Florida, LLC as the new grantee who was legally assigned the rights and obligations of this project from Alico Energy LLC. Approval is also requested to incorporate an update on the project, timeline and budget in said amendment.

As part of the Commission's delegation of authority to Executive Director to perform all functions to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the office, grant the Executive Director signature authority to sign the grant amendment.