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Subject: **STATUS REPORT #4 - SONORAN ENERGY PROJECT (02-AFC-1C) AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE PROJECT DESIGN**

Staff has prepared this status report to provide updates on the Sonoran Energy Project Amendment proceeding since Status Report No. 3 was filed on January 5, 2016.

Energy Commission staff (staff) has been reviewing information provided by the project owner, including:

- A supplemental water resources submittal (TN 210068), filed on January 28, 2016, which provided additional evidence in support of the SEP's currently licensed water use;
- A revised response to Data Request 43 (TN 208219), filed on January 29, 2016, which provided cost information related to dry cooling versus wet cooling; and
- A revised response to Data Request 29 (TN 210131), filed on February 2, 2016, which provided information pertaining to the Off-site Consequence Analysis requested by staff.

On February 1, 2016, staff published the SEP Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA). The comment period for the PSA ends on March 1, 2016.

On February 4, 2016, AltaGas filed a request for an 18-month extension on the start of construction deadline for the SEP, from December 14, 2016 to June 14, 2018 (TN 210152). This Request for Extension is a separate petition and is being processed as a separate proceeding to this amendment. Both the amendment and the Request for Extension are under the same docket number, 02-AFC-1C. The amendment and the Request for Extension can be found at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=02-AFC-01C>.

On February 8, 2016, a PSA Workshop Notice was docketed, along with an agenda for the workshop. The workshop will be held at the Energy Commission on February 24, 2016. The Workshop Notice can be found at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=02-AFC-01C>.

On February 11, 2016, the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (District) issued a revised Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC), which incorporates comments received on the PDOC. The District's second PDOC public comment period will end on March 14, 2016. The District expects to issue the Final Determination of Compliance by late March 2016. The project owner's comments on the revised PDOC were docketed on February 11, 2016 (TN 207445).