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Before the Energy Resources Conservation and Development
Commission of the State of California
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PETITION TO AMEND THE:

HIGH DESERT POWER PLANT

Docket No. 97-AFC-01C

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE CONFERENCE AND RELATED ORDERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Energy Commission Committee¹ (Committee) assigned to conduct proceedings on the Petition for Modification to Drought-Proof the High Desert Power Plant (Petition)² has scheduled a Committee Conference as follows:

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017
Beginning at 1:30 p.m.

California Energy Commission
Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room (Hearing Room A)
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Wheelchair Accessible)

TELECONFERENCE OPTION: You may participate in the Committee Conference either in person, by telephone, and/or by computer via the “WebEx” conferencing system. Please see the **Remote Attendance** section below.

Purpose of the Committee Conference

On June 5, 2017, the Committee held a Committee Conference³ (June Committee Conference) to discuss the status of the proceeding, the May 2017 Energy Commission staff Workshop (Staff Workshop), and the schedule.⁴ At the June Committee Conference, all parties agreed that many issues were substantially resolved, but no agreements had been finalized and discussions were on-going. The Committee also discussed the need for the project’s continued use of groundwater after September 30, 2017—the expiration of the interim order allowing the use of this water source.⁵ The

¹ The Committee consists of Commissioner Karen Douglas, Presiding Member, and Commissioner Janea A. Scott, Associate Member. The full Energy Commission made this Committee assignment at an Energy Commission Business Meeting on January 13, 2016.

² TN 206468.

³ TN 217625.

⁴ TN 217254.

⁵ TN 212052.

High Desert Power Project, LLC (Project Owner) indicated that, at this time, it did not foresee the need for groundwater use after September 30, 2017. The Committee asked the parties whether a pre-hearing conference or evidentiary hearing should be held in June. The parties indicated that holding hearings in June would be premature, in light of the substantial progress being made on settlement.

On June 9, 2017, the Hearing Officer issued a memorandum indicating the Committee would hold a Prehearing Conference on July 10, 2017 and formal notice would follow.⁶ The Committee has determined that the July 10, 2017 conference will now be a Committee Conference. The purpose of this Committee Conference is to allow the parties to inform the Committee and the public of any updates to the settlement discussions. The Committee, the parties, and the public will then have the opportunity to discuss the status of the proceedings, issues remaining to be decided, and future scheduling, including any pre-hearing conference and evidentiary hearings.

ORDER REGARDING STATUS REPORTS

All parties are **ORDERED** to file a status report on or before July 6, 2017. The status report shall include:

1. A brief summary of the status of any stipulations or other agreements.
2. A summary of the subject areas that remain disputed and require adjudication, and the precise nature of the dispute for each issue.
3. Proposals for briefing deadlines, impact of scheduling conflicts, or other scheduling matters, including the amount of time required for any pre-hearing conference and evidentiary hearing.

Notice of Closed Session Deliberations

At any time during the Committee Conference, the Committee may adjourn to a closed session in accordance with California Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3), which allows a state body, including a delegated committee, to hold a closed session to deliberate on a decision to be reached in a proceeding the state body was required by law to conduct.

Transcripts

Parties are responsible for identifying errors in the transcripts of the proceedings. Corrections to the transcripts must be filed within 30 days of the filing of a transcript.

Public Participation

Members of the public are welcome to attend and offer oral or written comments at the Committee Conference. It is not necessary to be an intervenor to participate in the

⁶ TN 218015.

public process. Written comments may also be submitted electronically by visiting the website at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/highdesert/index.html>

and clicking on the “Submit e-Comment” link in the “2015 Amendment Proceeding” box. Otherwise, written comments may be submitted by e-mailing them to docket@energy.ca.gov, or by mailing them by U.S. Mail to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit
Docket No. 97-AFC-01C
1516 Ninth Street, MS-4
Sacramento, CA 95814

For all comments, please include the docket number and proceeding name, “**Docket No. 97-AFC-01C, High Desert Power Plant Project,**” in the subject line and on the cover page.

PLEASE NOTE: Your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, e-mail, etc.) become part of the viewable public record. Additionally, this information may become available via search engines, such as Google and Yahoo.

Public Adviser and Other Commission Contacts

The Energy Commission’s Public Adviser’s Office provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission proceedings. If you would like information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact Alana Mathews, Public Adviser, at PublicAdviser@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4489, or toll free at (800) 822-6228.

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in the Committee Conference, contact Poneh Jones at least five days prior to the event at poneh.jones@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4425.

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Susan Cochran, Hearing Officer, at susan.cochran@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-3965.

Technical questions concerning the Petition should be addressed to Leonidas Payne, Project Manager, at leonidas.payne@energy.ca.gov or at (916) 651-0966.

Media inquiries should be sent to the Media and Public Communications Office at Mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or at (916) 654-4989.

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The "Join Conference" menu will offer you a choice of audio connections:

1. To call into the meeting: Select "I will call in" and follow the on-screen directions.
2. International Attendees: Click on the "Global call-in number" link.
3. To have WebEx call you: Enter your phone number and click "Call Me."
4. To listen over the computer: If you have a broadband connection, and a headset or a computer microphone and speakers, you may use VoIP (Internet audio) by going to the Audio menu, clicking on "Use Computer Headset," then "Call Using Computer."

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<https://energy.webex.com/energy/globalcallin.php>.

VIA MOBILE ACCESS: Access to WebEx meetings is now available from your mobile device. To download an app, go to:

www.webex.com/products/web-conferencing/mobile.html.

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Availability of Documents

Information concerning the status of the Petition, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's web page at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/highdesert/index.html>.

Dated: June 30, 2017, at Sacramento, California

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

KAREN DOUGLAS
Commissioner and Presiding Member
High Desert Amendment Committee

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

JANEA A. SCOTT
Commissioner and Associate Member
High Desert Amendment Committee

**High Desert Power Plant Project 97-AFC-01C
Meeting Agenda – Committee Conference
Monday, July 10, 2017, 1:30 p.m.**

**California Energy Commission
Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room (Hearing Room A)
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814**

1. Call to Order
2. Committee Conference
3. Public Comment

Members of the public and other interested persons and entities may speak up to three minutes on matters related to this proceeding.

4. Closed Session (if necessary)⁷
Committee closed session consideration of the following item:

***PETITION FOR MODIFICATION TO DROUGHT-PROOF THE HIGH DESERT
POWER PLANT***

Deliberation on matters submitted to the Committee including, but not limited to, scheduling.

5. Adjourn

Agency Contact: Susan Cochran, Hearing Officer, at (916) 654-3965 or
susan.cochran@energy.ca.gov.

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