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Re: Puente Power Project (15-AFC-01) Status Report

In accordance with the September 24, 2015 Committee Scheduling Order, the following status report is submitted on behalf of Intervenor Environmental Coalition, Environmental Defense Center, and Sierra Club, Los Padres Chapter (collectively, "environmental intervenors").

On August 27, 2015, Environmental Intervenors participated in the site visit and public workshop, and provided oral comments at the workshop. On September 29, 2015, Environmental Intervenors submitted additional written comments on the Staff Issues Identification Report addressing air quality and greenhouse gases, alternatives, biological resources, soil, water and geological resources, land use, project description, socioeconomics, and visual resources. In that letter, Environmental Intervenors detailed their agreement with the Staff Report, as well as several areas of disagreement. Environmental intervenors look forward to seeing these comments addressed within the Preliminary Staff Assessment ("PSA").

The PSA is currently scheduled for release on December 22, but it appears that there may be some delays in the schedule. For example, the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District now estimates that the Preliminary Determination of Compliance ("PDOC") will be published in late January 2016, rather than the current scheduled date of November 24, 2015. This delay is due to "a number of unresolved controversial issues." Moreover, Applicant NRG Energy on September 17, 2015 requested additional time to respond to City of Oxnard data requests regarding environmental hazards including sea-level rise and tsunami risk.

Environmental intervenors believe that these delays help illustrate that the Puente project is fundamentally flawed and should not be permitted. The Committee has an important opportunity to reject new power plant construction on California's coast generally, and the already overly burdened Oxnard coast in particular.

Respectfully Submitted,

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