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In the Matter of:) Docket No. 15-AFC-01
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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR) APPLICANT'S STATUS REPORT NO. 2
THE PUENTE POWER PROJECT)
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Pursuant to the Committee Scheduling Order dated September 23, 2015, Applicant hereby submits its Status Report No. 2 for the Puente Power Project ("P3").

Discovery Status

Applicant continues to respond to data requests issued by the California Energy Commission staff and Intervenor City of Oxnard. Since submittal of the previous status report, the current status of data requests and responses is as follows:

California Energy Commission Staff

November 3, 2015: Additional time requested to respond to certain Set 2 data requests
November 13, 2015: Initial Set 2 responses filed
November 30, 2015: Remaining Set 2 responses filed

City of Oxnard

October 30, 2015: Set 3 responses filed
November 6, 2015: Remaining Set 2 responses filed
December 4, 2015: City issued Set 4 data requests

Applicant is currently reviewing the recently received City of Oxnard data requests Set 4 and will file any objections or responses in accordance with required deadlines. Applicant does not object to the City's recent request to extend the discovery period (TN# 206821), provided that the extension is not viewed as a basis for delaying preparation of the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA). Applicant recognizes that additional project information has been submitted, including the Project Enhancements and Refinements package on November 19 and updated air quality modeling on November 30, and that CEC staff requires certain additional information to complete the PSA, most notably the Preliminary Determination of Compliance from the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD). However, Applicant also believes that staff has sufficient information to complete many sections of the PSA, and expects that preparation of the PSA will proceed in parallel with the extended discovery period.

Project Refinements

Demolition of MGS Units 1 and 2

Applicant submitted the *Project Enhancement and Refinement, Demolition of Mandalay Generating Station Units 1 and 2* on November 19, 2015 (TN# 206698). The Application for Certification (AFC) assumed that if P3 is approved and developed, Mandalay Generating Station (MGS) Units 1 and 2 would be retired by the completion of commissioning of P3 (in June 2020), and that the units would then be decommissioned and left in place. As a project enhancement and refinement with corresponding community benefits, and to mitigate potential visual impacts associated with development of P3, Applicant now proposes to demolish MGS Units 1 and 2 following their retirement and decommissioning. This improvement is the outcome of continuous evaluation of methods and financial means to improve upon P3 as originally proposed in the AFC, while maintaining the contractual commitments to the load-serving entity, Southern California Edison.

Air Quality

As discussed in the previous status report, Applicant recently received updated emissions information from General Electric, which is manufacturing the turbine for P3. As a result, Applicant updated the air quality modeling analysis for the project. For the remodeling, air district and CEC staff requested that Applicant use new features of the AERMOD air dispersion model, which includes a new approach to processing the meteorological data and use of the most current year of meteorological data available (2014). Applicant completed the remodeling and included the results in Applicant's responses to CEC data requests Set 2 docketed on November 30, 2015 (TN# 206791). Applicant has provided the updated modeling package to VCAPCD.

Hazardous Materials

Applicant is updating information pertaining to the ammonia storage system for the P3. Applicant is planning to include a new secondary containment adjacent to the existing secondary containment and relocate the existing ammonia storage tank into a new secondary containment during the construction phase of P3.

Alternatives

As requested by the City of Oxnard, and to assist CEC staff in its evaluation of alternative project locations, Applicant is undertaking an evaluation of alternative project sites identified by the City and CEC staff. Applicant expects to complete this analysis and submit it to the CEC by December 18, 2015.

Other Agency Coordination

In addition to working with the CEC staff, Applicant continues to coordinate with the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPD). VCAPD has indicated that it will need additional time to complete the Preliminary Determination of Compliance beyond the date specified in the Committee Scheduling Order. Applicant has also hosted a site visit by California Coastal Commission and CEC biologists to review the P3 project areas.

DATED: December 10, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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