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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. 3
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. 3 for the Puente Power Project (“P3”).

Discovery Status

Applicant continues to respond to data requests issued by the California Energy Commission (CEC) 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

Applicant has submitted responses to all data requests issued by CEC staff through December 31, 2015.

On January 14, 2016, CEC staff issued its Set 3 data requests, which include Data Requests 75 and 76 in the area of Land Use. Applicant expects to respond to these data requests by the deadline.

City of Oxnard

On January 4, 2016, Applicant submitted response to City of Oxnard data requests, Set 4.

Project Refinements

Air Quality

As discussed in the previous status reports, Applicant 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 also provided the updated modeling package to VCAPCD on December 10, 2015. Revised air quality emission and modeling results for the P3 Enhancement and Refinement, Demolition of Mandalay Generating Station Units 1 and 2 (TN# 206698) docketed on November 19, 2015, were submitted on December 16, 2015 (TN#207055).

Alternatives

As requested by the City of Oxnard, and to assist CEC staff in its evaluation of alternative project locations, Applicant evaluated alternative project sites identified by the City and CEC staff. Applicant submitted this analysis to the CEC on December 21, 2015 (TN# 207096).

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.

Socioeconomics

Applicant submitted a revised analysis related to environmental justice on December 24, 2015.

Schedule

Applicant recognizes that additional project information has been submitted, including the Project Enhancements and Refinements package on November 19, 2015; updated air quality modeling on November 30, 2015; 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 and in accordance with the schedule attached to CEC staff's Status Report #3.

Other Agency Coordination

In addition to working with the CEC staff, Applicant continues to coordinate with the VCAPD. VCAPCD has indicated that it will need additional time to complete the Preliminary Determination of Compliance beyond the date specified in the Committee Scheduling Order and is now anticipated by February 29, 2016 (per CEC Staff Report #2).

DATED: January 15, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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