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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. 4
THE PUENTE POWER PROJECT)
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Applicant hereby submits its Status Report No. 4 for the Puente Power Project (“P3”). The Committee Scheduling Order dated September 23, 2015, does not include any requirements for the filing of status reports past January 28, 2016. California Energy Commission (CEC) staff have proposed amended schedules calling for status reports on roughly the 15th of each month until publication of the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA). In the interest of keeping the Committee informed, Applicant intends to adhere to Staff’s proposed schedule for the submission of status reports until such time as the Committee issues a revised Scheduling Order, which Applicant urges the Committee to do. Additional discussion regarding schedule is included below.

Discovery Status

Applicant continues to respond to data requests issued by the CEC staff and Intervenor City of Oxnard. Discovery closes on March 7. Since submittal of the previous status report, the current status of data requests and responses is as follows:

California Energy Commission Staff

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. Staff cited Section 25529 of the Warren-Alquist Act requiring the establishment of an area for public use as a condition of certification of a facility proposed in

the Coastal Zone such as P3, as the basis for Set 3 data requests. CEC staff has looked at six potential areas in the Oxnard coastal area in proximity to the Mandalay Generating Station (MGS) to satisfy the public use requirement and recommended one option. With Data Request Set 3, Staff has requested the Applicant to evaluate the feasibility of the recommended option for establishment of public use. The Applicant filed its evaluation of the recommended option on February 12.

Project Refinements

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. This information will be provided in February.

Fire Protection

Applicant is updating its evaluation of the fire protection system and secondary emergency access. This information will be provided in February.

Schedule

Staff issued its Status Report No. 4 on February 12 and included a proposed amended schedule for release of the Preliminary Staff Assessment (end of April 2016) based on the current status of the Preliminary Determination of Compliance; Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD) has verbally indicated to CEC staff that they will need until end of March to complete the PDOC. Applicant is aware that the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) is expecting to complete the draft PDOC and associated air quality modeling analysis by about February 19. Applicant requests of CEC staff that they request a copy of the draft PDOC and air quality modeling analysis from VCAPCD upon VCAPCD's receipt of these documents from the SJVAPCD, and work with the respective air agencies towards timely completion and publication of the PDOC and air quality modeling analysis to minimize the time needed to complete the PSA.

Other Agency Coordination

In addition to working with the CEC staff, Applicant continues to coordinate with the VCAPD. While VCAPCD has indicated that it will need until the end of March 2016 to complete the PDOC, we understand that the draft PDOC and air quality modeling analysis will be available for VCAPCD management review as soon as February 22 and therefore can be available for CEC review by early March 2016.

DATED: February 15, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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