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*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

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RE: Request for Extension of PSA Comment Period for Puente Power Project (Docket No. 15-AFC-01)

Dear Mr. Renaud,


I am writing on behalf of the Coastal Commission staff to support the City of Oxnard's June 28, 2016 request for an extension of time to comment on the preliminary staff assessment (PSA) for the Puente Power Project proposed by NRG.

Pursuant to the Warren-Alquist Act, the California Energy Commission (CEC) has sole permitting authority for locating or modifying power plants with a greater than 50-megawatt capacity, including those located in the coastal zone. Nevertheless, Section 30413(d) of the Coastal Act expressly authorizes the Coastal Commission to participate in the CEC's proceedings and provide findings with respect to specific measures to bring a power plant project located within the coastal zone into conformity with Coastal Act and Local Coastal Program (LCP) policies. Under an April 14, 2005 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) developed in order to ensure timely and effective coordination between commissions during the CEC's review of an Application for Certification, the Coastal Commission agreed to provide a report "addressing the factors in Section 30413(d) as early as feasible after it receives the information necessary to complete the report and holds the necessary public hearing, and in time for the parties to prepare for the AFC hearings required pursuant to section 1748 of the Energy Commission's regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit.20, § 1748)." Preferably, the Coastal Commission's 30413(d) Report on a proposed project is submitted during the PSA comment period, such that its findings and recommendations can be addressed in the CEC's final staff assessment.

The proposed project involves several significant coastal resource issues and a voluminous administrative docket that will require detailed analysis by Coastal Commission staff, including input from our technical experts. In order to provide the most thorough and useful review of the project possible under the Coastal Commission's Section 30413(d) authority and within the terms of the MOA, staff requests that the PSA comment period be extended to at least September 19, 2016, which would allow the Commission to consider and approve a 30413(d) Report for the proposed Puente Power Project at its September 7-9 public meeting.

Thank you for considering this request. Please contact me at 415-904-5240 or [joseph.street@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:joseph.street@coastal.ca.gov) if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph Street". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

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