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In the Matter of:) Docket No. 15-AFC-01
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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR)
THE PUENTE POWER PROJECT) APPLICANT’S REQUEST FOR
) INFORMATION REGARDING DRAFT
) FEMA MAPS
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On July 12, 2016, Mr. Chris Williamson of the City of Oxnard sent an email message to California Energy Commission (CEC) Project Manager, Mr. Shawn Pittard, regarding the status of FEMA’s update to the coastal hazards maps for Ventura County (TN # 212261). Mr. Williamson’s email indicates that FEMA verbally informed City planning staff on July 7, 2016 that: 1) the Preliminary FIRM maps for Ventura County will be released around September 9, 2016; and 2) FEMA will also release GIS shapefiles that allow GIS analysts to investigate the changes to coastal hazards with any amount of sea level rise. Mr. Williamson’s email communication suggests that this is information that the City does not currently have.

In previous communications from the City to CEC staff, City staff suggested that it already had access to, and had reviewed, drafts of the FEMA maps. Specifically, in a Report of Conversation docketed by then CEC Project Manager Mr. Jon Hilliard on January 5, 2016 (TN # 207181), Mr. Hilliard reported that in a phone conversation with Mr. Williamson on December 30, 2015, Mr. Williamson indicated the following:

“New drafts of coastal Flood Maps prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) indicate that under future conditions the flood line on Mandalay Beach may reach the top of the existing sand dune complex. FEMA’s updated coastal Flood Maps are anticipated to be issued in 2016.”

On October 12, 2015, Applicant issued a data request to the City seeking “. . . the FEMA California Coastal Analysis and Mapping Project (CCAMP) working maps and any supporting information” (TN # 206329). The City responded on November 2, 2015 that “FEMA has informed the City of Oxnard that FEMA has not yet released the CCAMP working maps for Ventura County” (TN # 206495). Applicant has not received any further response to this data request from the City.

Based on the communications from the City referred to above, it is unclear to Applicant what information the City currently has in its possession related to the updated FEMA maps. Applicant requests that the City explain what information it currently possesses with respect to the updated FEMA maps, and provide whatever information it currently possesses to the CEC staff and other parties.

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Respectfully submitted,

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