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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE:
PUENTE POWER PROJECT**

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REVISED COMMITTEE SCHEDULING ORDER

Background

On April 15, 2015, NRG Oxnard Energy Center, LLC submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) seeking permission to construct and operate a 262-megawatt (MW) natural-gas-fired power generation facility, the Puente Power Project (P3 or Project). The Project would be located at 393 North Harbor Boulevard in the city of Oxnard, on the site of the existing Mandalay Generating Station (MGS), an operating power plant.

The Energy Commission designated a Committee¹ to conduct proceedings on the AFC.

On August 26, 2016 the project applicant filed a “Refinement to Transmission Interconnection.”² On September 26, 2016 the project applicant filed a “Project Enhancement – Outfall Removal and Beach Restoration.”³ Both of these filings propose changes to the proposed project that would require environmental review and analysis as part of our licensing process.

The Committee held a status conference with the parties on September 27, 2016, during which the schedule for the review process was discussed. The discovery period closed on March 7, 2016. The parties participating in the discussion agreed that discovery, in the form of data requests, would be necessary with respect to the two filings referenced above. Shortly after the status conference, parties filed proposals for revisions to the schedule that would allow time for the additional discovery.

¹ The Committee consists of Commissioner Janea Scott, Presiding Member, and Commissioner Karen Douglas, Associate Member. The full Energy Commission made this Committee assignment at an Energy Commission Business Meeting on June 10, 2015.

² TN 213000.

³ TN 213802.

Scheduling Order Allowing Additional Discovery

The Committee hereby grants permission to the parties to conduct discovery with respect to the two filings referenced above. The schedule attached hereto allows time for that discovery to take place. It also allows staff time to complete its analysis of the project changes and incorporate that into the Final Staff Assessment (FSA). The dates for all future activities leading to the Final Commission Decision have been adjusted accordingly. **The final day for submitting data requests is October 19, 2016.** The Committee encourages the parties to consider this schedule an outer boundary and make their best efforts to complete the milestones ahead of these dates. Some deadlines may be contingent upon reviews to be conducted by federal, state, and local agencies.

The Committee may modify the schedule at any time upon either its own motion or that of a party, which may include bifurcation of any delayed subject areas to ensure the efficient processing of the AFC. If the Committee were to find that some subject areas should be delayed, the non-affected subject areas would be expected to adhere to the schedule attached to this Order.⁴

Status Reports

The Committee hereby orders the parties to file status reports on the first business day of each month beginning with November. The status reports should include information that will enable the Committee to determine whether there are any obstacles to following the schedule attached hereto.

Public Adviser and Public Participation

The Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office is available to assist the public in participating in the application review process. For information on how to participate, contact Alana Mathews, Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or 1-800-822-6228, or e-mail at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

Contact Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Raoul Renaud, Hearing Officer, at (916) 651-2020, or e-mail at raoul.renaud@energy.ca.gov.

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⁴ Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1203, subd. (c).

Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's web page at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/puente/>.

Dated: October 14, 2016, at Sacramento, California.

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**PUENTE POWER PROJECT
REVISED COMMITTEE SCHEDULE
15-AFC-01
October 2016**

ACTIVITY	DATE
Application for Certification submitted	April 15, 2015
Status Conference	March 28, 2016
Staff Publishes Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA)	June 17, 2016
Applicant Filed “Refinement to Transmission Interconnection” ⁵	August 26, 2016
Last Day to File Comments on the PSA	September 15, 2016
Applicant Filed “Project Enhancement – Outfall Removal and Beach Restoration” ⁶	September 26, 2016
Committee Conference	September 27, 2016
VCAPCD Issues Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC)	October 14, 2016
Last Day to File Data Requests on the “Project Enhancement – Outfall Removal and Beach Restoration” and the “Refinement to Transmission Interconnection” ⁷	October 19, 2016
Applicant Files Data Responses on the Removal of the Outfall Structure and the “Refinement to Transmission Interconnection”	October 31, 2016
Last day to File Petition to Intervene ⁸	November 4, 2016
Staff Publishes Final Staff Assessment (FSA)	November 18, 2016
Staff FSA Workshop (held at staff’s discretion)	To be announced
All Parties File Opening Testimony	December 21, 2016
All Parties File Rebuttal Testimony, Prehearing Conference Statements, Exhibit Lists	January 13, 2017
Prehearing Conference (PHC)	January 26, 2017
Evidentiary Hearings (EH)	Week of February 6, 2017
Committee Files Presiding Member’s Proposed Decision (PMPD)	Mid-March 2017
Committee Conference on PMPD	Early April 2017
Close of Public Comment Period on PMPD	30 days after publication of PMPD
Committee Files Errata or Revised PMPD (if necessary)	Late April 2017
Energy Commission Final Decision	May 2017

⁵ TN 213000.

⁶ TN 213802.

⁷ Discovery is re-opened only with respect to the topics raised in the “Refinement to Transmission Interconnection” (TN 213000) and “Project Enhancement—Outfall Removal and Beach Enhancement” (TN 213802).

⁸ Per the July 22, 2016 Revised Committee Schedule (TN 212398), the deadline to Petition to Intervene was established as November 4, 2016.