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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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In the Matter of:)
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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION)
OF THE PUENTE POWER PROJECT)

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**INTERVENORS ENVIRONMENTAL
DEFENSE CENTER, SIERRA CLUB
LOS PADRES CHAPTER, AND
ENVIRONMENTAL COALITION
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STATUS REPORT**

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Environmental Defense Center, Sierra Club Los Padres Chapter and Ventura County Environmental Coalition submit this Status Report to the Committee in order to request a ruling on Intervenors' March 21, 2017, Joint Motion to Modify ("Joint Motion to Modify") the Committee Orders for Additional Evidence and Briefing Following Evidentiary Hearings("Committee Orders"), and to briefly respond to Applicant's Proposed Revised Schedule filed March 31, 2017.

I. Request for Ruling on Intervenors' Joint Motion to Modify the Committee Orders for Additional Evidence and Briefing Following Evidentiary Hearings.

Intervenors filed a Joint Motion to Modify on March 21, 2017. In our Motion to Modify, Intervenors requested, in part, that the Committee delay briefing on Land Use and LORS until after all of the additional evidence is submitted and reviewed because much of the evidence requested is directly relevant to the Land Use and LORS issues scheduled to be briefed prematurely on April 10, whereas the additional evidence will not be available until several months later."

Intervenors request that the Committee render a ruling on Intervenors' Motion on this issue as soon as possible.

II. Objections to Applicant's Proposed Revised Schedule

Intervenors intend to file a timely response to the upcoming CEC proposed Schedule, as ordered by the Committee in the March 10, 2017, Committee Orders. However, nowhere in the Committee Orders does it state that the *Applicant* is to propose a Schedule for comment in place of the CEC, yet that is what the applicant filed on March 31. The Applicant has proposed a timetable that fast-tracks and defies the Committee Orders by proposing a schedule that shortens the time allowed to gather and collect biological resources evidence by May 30, two months short of the Committee's Orders that mandated a deadline of July 31. In the Applicant's Proposed Revised Schedule, NRG ignores the Committee Orders requiring that the public and resource agencies (such as the Coastal Commission, US Fish and Wildlife, California Fish and

Wildlife) be provided a meaningful opportunity to participate and comment on the methodology and collection of additional evidence for biological resources on the site. In fact, the Applicant proposes that NRG, not the CEC or the resource agencies, will decide and file a “Final Biological Survey Methodology” on April 10th just three days after public comments are due. Intervenors object to Applicant’s Order in its entirety.

In summary, Intervenors request that the Committee set aside Applicant’s Proposed Revised Schedule and issue a Ruling to grant Intervenors’ Motion to Modify, at least in part, to postpone briefing on Land Use and LORS until the development and submission of the additional, related evidence is completed.

DATED: April 3, 2017

Respectfully submitted:

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