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RE: Coastal Commission Staff Comments on Staff's Proposed Timetable for the Puente Power Project and Status Report 12

Dear Ms. Scott,

California Coastal Commission (“Commission”) staff has reviewed the above-referenced *Proposed Timetable* (dated April 5, 2017), prepared by California Energy Commission (“CEC”) staff at the direction of the Committee in its March 10, 2017 *Committee Orders for Additional Evidence and Briefing* (“Order”). In the Order, the Committee required the applicant to conduct focused biological surveys of the proposed project site in order to determine the likelihood of the presence of several special-status species. The applicant’s biological surveys will be conducted over the next six to eight weeks, with a survey report to be filed on June 23, 2017. Under the *Proposed Timetable*, the evidentiary hearing would commence immediately thereafter, on June 26, 2017.

The surveys have the potential to yield new information on the presence of special-status species at the proposed project site that was not available to the Commission at the time it adopted its September 2016 report on the Puente Power Project pursuant to Section 30413(d) of the Coastal Act (“30413(d) Report”). Section 30413(d) authorizes the Coastal Commission to participate in the CEC's proceedings and provide recommendations of specific measures needed to bring a power plant project located within the coastal zone into conformity with Coastal Act and Local Coastal Program (“LCP”) policies. To the extent that the surveys indicate the potential for additional impacts to special-status species and their habitats, new or additional measures may be necessary to order to achieve conformity with the Coastal Act and City of Oxnard LCP.

If the focused biological surveys result in new information not previously known when the Commission adopted its 30413(d) Report, and which could result in new or modified recommendations, we would appreciate the Committee extending its timetable to allow Commission staff to schedule the matter for the Commission’s consideration at a public hearing. The Commission will be meeting in Southern California (Los Angeles or Orange County) on August 9 – 11, 2017. Rescheduling the evidentiary hearing for a date after this August meeting would allow sufficient time for the Commission to review the new information resulting from the

biological surveys and formulate any new or modified recommendations necessary to protect coastal resources, which would then be available to the Committee at the evidentiary hearing.

Thank you for considering this request. Please contact me at 415-904-5240 or 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, stylized initial "J".

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