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Memorandum

To: All Parties and Persons Interested in the Puente Power Project Proceedings (15-AFC-01) Date: June 9, 2017

From: Paul Kramer, Hearing Officer
Puente Power Project AFC Committee

Subject: Notice of Committee Consultation with a Subject Matter Expert

The Puente Power Project (Project) AFC Committee conducted a Committee Conference on June 5, 2017, so the Committee, parties, and public could discuss matters including Project-related discussions that were held before and among governors of the California Independent System Operator (California ISO) during a May 1, 2017, public California ISO Board of Governors Meeting. The May 1 California ISO discussions concerned whether the Project is appropriate to meet the energy needs of the Moorpark, California subarea and whether a California ISO study might assist the Energy Commission's certification proceedings on the Project.

During the June 5 Committee Conference, the Committee asked the parties to address the possible focus of such a study and how it would relate to the Project certification proceedings. On June 6 and June 8, 2017, the Committee consulted with California Energy Commission employee Lana Wong of the Commission's Energy Assessments Division to better understand the technical issues raised at the June 5 conference.

To date, Ms. Wong has helped the Committee understand the role California ISO studies play in the electricity system planning and permitting processes. Specifically she assisted in the preparation of the *Committee Order Granting Applicant's Motion to Exclude the Supplemental Testimony Of James H. Caldwell and Accepting The California Independent System Operator's Offer to Conduct a Special Study*¹ by focusing on clarity, accuracy and proper terminology and providing input regarding the parameters and assumptions identified in the order. The Committee will continue to consult with Ms. Wong on the topic of a possible California ISO study and how to interpret any such study. The Committee will publicly disclose its communications with Ms. Wong relating to any study the Committee may receive from the California ISO.

Ms. Wong has not previously participated as an Energy Commission staff expert or representative in this proceeding. As a Committee consultant, Ms. Wong shall be consulted according to applicable rules on ex parte communications.

¹ TN 218016