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PUENTE POWER PROJECT

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2017

10:04 A.M.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

AUGUST 4, 2017

10:04 A.M.

COMMISSIONER SCOTT: All right. So, good morning, everyone, we are now ready to go. Our court reporter is online. And welcome, this is the Puente Power Project continuation of the July 27th evidentiary hearing for closed session.

I am Commissioner Janea Scott, I'm the presiding member over this proceeding. To my right is Commissioner Karen Douglas who is the associate member on this proceeding. To my right as well is Hearing Officer Paul Kramer.

Our advisors are here. To my left is my advisor Rhetta DeMesa. And to Commissioner Douglas's right are her advisors Jennifer Nelson and Le-Quyen Nguyen.

With that, let me run through the parties and see if there are any -- we have staff in the room but no one else. So if you are on the WebEx and you are from the applicant, please go ahead and introduce yourself, or on the phone.

Okay. Hearing nothing. Let me ask the CEC staff to please introduce themselves.

MR. PAYNE: Hi, Lon Payne, project manager. With me is Michelle Chester who is our counsel for the project. And Shawn Pittard.

COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Good morning. Let me turn now

1 to see whether or not we have any of the intervenors joining
2 us on the WebEx. Do we have the City of Oxnard?

3 How about the Environmental Coalition Environmental
4 Defense Center and Sierra Club?

5 Okay. Do we have Intervenor Bob Sarvey?

6 How about the California Environmental Justice
7 Alliance?

8 Center for Biological Diversity?

9 Fighting for Informed Environmentally Responsible
10 Clean Energy?

11 Okay. Sounds like we have not been joined by any of
12 the intervenors on the WebEx.

13 Let me turn to any others. Do we have the
14 California ISO?

15 How about the California Coastal Commission or the
16 USGS?

17 Any state or federal wildlife agencies or any
18 federal, state, or local agencies that would like to
19 introduce themselves? If so, please go ahead.

20 Okay. So that is everyone.

21 Let me now turn this over to our Hearing Officer
22 Paul Kramer.

23 HEARING OFFICER KRAMER: Thank you. Good morning,
24 everyone. The primary purpose of today's meeting is for the
25 committee to deliberate in closed session. It's a

1 continuation of last week's evidentiary hearings in which we
2 closed all those topics. And therefore the only item before
3 we go into closed session is public comment.

4 I don't see any members of the public, anybody in
5 the room I don't know, so there's no public in the room.

6 Does anybody on the telephone wish to make a public
7 comment? One more time, anyone on the telephone? You're all
8 unmuted.

9 Okay. We're going to close public comment.

10 The committee will now go into closed session
11 pursuant to Government Code Section 11126, subdivision (c)(3)
12 which allows a state body, including a delegated committee
13 such as this to hold a closed session to deliberate on a
14 decision to be reached in a proceeding the state body was
15 required by law to conduct.

16 Hold on a second.

17 Okay. For the convenience of anybody who wants to
18 come and hear any report we may make out of closed session,
19 we'll plan to come back no earlier than 12 noon. So even if
20 we finish early, we'll see you back here at 12 noon to
21 announce any outcomes from the closed session. Seems
22 relatively unlikely that there will be any since we're still
23 in the middle of deliberating and we have one more hearing to
24 go.

25 But we'll be back at noon to report out. And we

1 will be adjourned to closed session until then.

2 Thank you.

3 [Off the record at 10:08 a.m.]

4 [On the record at 12:07 p.m.]

5 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Well, welcome back everyone. We
6 are back from our closed session. This is Commissioner Janea
7 Scott.

8 Let me turn this over to our Hearing Officer Paul
9 Kramer.

10 HEARING OFFICER KRAMER: Thank you. There is no
11 report out as such, no actions to report out. We'll just let
12 you know that I'm going to produce a written summary that
13 I'll file of the -- to kind of put all the questions to be
14 briefed that we orally discussed at the hearings last week in
15 Oxnard, and that'll probably hit the docket on Monday. It
16 looks like they will be able to get the transcripts filed
17 then as well. We're finishing up our review of those.

18 And other than that, just a heads up, we -- we will
19 probably be scheduling a closed session like this a couple of
20 days before the September hearing, but that'll be by a
21 separate notice, we're not going to be adjourning today's
22 meeting. And that notice will come out sometime, we're going
23 to wait and probably right after the ISO's study is filed
24 which we hope will be on time later this month.

25 So with that, we are adjourned.

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Thank you.
(Whereupon, the proceedings for the day concluded
at 12:09 p.m.)

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