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Subject: MISSION ROCK ENERGY CENTER (15-AFC-02) STATUS REPORT #5

Staff submits the following status report #5 for the Mission Rock Energy Center (Mission Rock) following the recently-conducted December 19, 2016 Committee Status Report.

ACTIVITIES AND FILINGS COMPRISING DISCOVERY THUS FAR

On December 22, 2016, the applicant filed completed Data Responses to outstanding questions asked in both Data Request Set 1 and Data Requests Set 1A. Data Requests Set 1 was filed on June 24, 2016, and Data Requests Set 1A was filed on July 15, 2016. Staff is now working to determine impacts in several technical areas based on the receipt of the outstanding information.

Staff filed Data Requests Set 2 on December 2, 2016 in the areas of Hazardous Materials Management and Project Description (responses are due back to Commission staff by January 3, 2017). Staff also filed Data Requests Set 2A on December 30, 2016 in the areas of Noise and Vibration, Project Description, and Soil and Water Resources. Responses to Set 2 are due January 30, 2017. The last remaining set of outstanding data responses is in the area of Cultural Resources (responses to Data Request No. 115 are due back to Commission staff on or before February 9, 2017).

DISCOVERY EXTENSION / REVISED SCHEDULE REQUEST

In general, there continues to be a need for more detailed information and data that will enable an analysis necessary to draw conclusions on project impacts. As was articulated on the December 19, 2017 Status Conference, staff would prefer to extend discovery to 30 days after the final data responses are filed by the applicant. Additional discovery time would also allow the applicant and other parties the ability to complete and submit outstanding data, information, and reports. This is particularly true of the PDOC from the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD). Staff is less concerned that the Phase I study from California ISO, anticipated to arrive no earlier than mid-January 2017, will impact PSA publication.

Staff does not have a PDOC publication date, but proposes to publish the PSA following receipt of the PDOC + 45 days.