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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE:  
MISSION ROCK ENERGY CENTER**

**Docket No. 15-AFC-02**

## **STAFF’S RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE ORDER REGARDING MOTION TO TERMINATE**

### **I. Background**

On March 9, 2018, Mission Rock Energy Center, LLC (Applicant) filed *Notice of Suspension of Application for Certification*. On March 15, 2018, the Committee for the Application for Certification (Committee) requested the Applicant specify the length of the requested suspension by March 19, 2018, stating the other parties and members of the public should respond by March 23, 2018. Staff did not object to the Applicant’s suspension. Subsequently, Earthjustice, on behalf of intervenor, Wishtoyo Foundation, requested that the Committee deny the motion to suspend and issue an order terminating this proceeding. On March 30, 2018, the Committee issued *Order Extending Time to Rule on Notice of Suspension and Motion to Terminate*, ordering the parties desiring to respond to the Motion to Terminate, to do so by April 9, 2018.

### **II. Discussion**

In Applicant’s original *Notice of Suspension*, it states:

Southern California Edison recently published its Request for Offers for local reliability projects in the Moorpark Subarea (the “RFO”) which does not appear to present an opportunity for the Mission Rock Energy Center, as presently before the Commission, to participate. Nevertheless, policy changes currently under evaluation may further shape markets, and it is unclear at this time whether the reliability issues in the Moorpark Subarea created by the departure of 2,000 megawatts of local generation will be resolved by the proposed transmission solutions and procurement from the RFO” (*Notice of Suspension*, March 9, 2018, p.1)

On February 28, 2018, Southern California Edison (SCE) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking to add clean power resources to meet long-term local capacity requirements in the Moorpark sub-area of its electrical system known as the Big Creek/Ventura local reliability area. The RFP targets resources connecting to the Moorpark, Santa Clara and Goleta substations that comprise the Moorpark sub-area. Bids are not due until June 21, 2018.


In Oxnard, Mandalay Bay Generation System, one of two large natural gas-fired plants has already retired, with the second, Ormond Beach, soon to follow. SCE will need to meet those energy needs from new sources. It would be premature to terminate the Mission Rock project, which could provide local reliability and resiliency in the Big Creek/Ventura local reliability area, until it is clear that the SCE RFP will fully meet its goals.

### **III. Conclusion**

At this time, Staff does not support terminating the Mission Rock Energy Center proceeding, and does not object to an indeterminate suspension until the SCE RFP process is complete.

Date: April 9, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

  
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