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Subject: STANTON RELIABILITY ENERGY CENTER (16-AFC-01) STATUS REPORT #4

Staff hereby files Status Report #4 for the Stanton Reliability Energy Center (Stanton). This report is a summary of activities since Status Report #3.

Procedural Activities and Coordination Efforts to Date:

Energy Commission staff are currently working on draft technical sections of the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA). Three sections have been through the review process and are formatted.

Staff has begun working on data request set 3 in the technical area of Biological Resources in regards to Waters of the United States and the proposed crossings of the flood channel located on the project site. Staff anticipates filing the data requests by August 23, 2017.

Staff anticipates the study from ZGlobal regarding the effects of the EGT hybrid technology (pairing turbines with storage) on the air basin and grid operations to be docketed by the applicant in the next few weeks. Once the requested data is provided, staff may conduct a data response and issue resolution workshop to be held at the Energy Commission in Sacramento. If a workshop is warranted, the notice, including time and location, will be docketed 10 days prior to the workshop meeting.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District is working on the Stanton Energy Reliability Center air permit application in order to prepare a preliminary determination of compliance (PDOC). The PDOC requires a 30-day public and agency review period, then an additional 45 days for the Federal Environmental Protection Agency Review (EPA). The District anticipates the publication of the PDOC in September 2017.

Coordination with State Agencies:

During the certification process, Energy Commission staff will continue coordinating with the agencies involved with the AFC review, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, city of Stanton, and South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Staff also continues to follow up with the applicant on minor clarifications as part of the technical analyses sections in the PSA.

Tribal Coordination:

Staff continues to coordinate meetings with Native American tribal representatives.

Schedule:

On May 1, 2017 a Committee Scheduling Order was filed with the docket. Staff will determine whether a workshop is needed following receipt and review of the data responses identified above.