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**Before the Energy Resources Conservation and Development
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**APPLICATION FOR A SMALL POWER PLANT
EXEMPTION FOR THE:
POMONA REPOWER PROJECT**

Docket No. 16-SPPE-01

ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEEDINGS

Background

On March 21, 2016, AltaGas Pomona Energy, Inc. (Applicant) submitted an Application for a Small Power Plant Exemption (SPPE) (Application) to the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) seeking an exemption from the Energy Commission's permitting jurisdiction over a proposed 100-megawatt (MW) natural-gas-fired power generation facility, the Pomona Repower Project (Project). The Project would be located at 1507 Mt. Vernon Avenue in the city of Pomona, entirely within the footprint of the existing San Gabriel Cogeneration Facility, an operating power plant generating 44.5 MW.

The Energy Commission designated a Committee of two Commissioners¹ to conduct proceedings on the Application. The Committee held a Public Site Visit and Informational Hearing at the Pomona City Council Chambers in Pomona, California, on May 18, 2016, to discuss the SPPE process and to identify issues that could affect the review schedule. On May 26, 2016, the Committee issued a Scheduling Order requiring the Applicant and Energy Commission Staff (Staff) to provide monthly status reports on or before the 15th of each month, starting in June 2016, "until the Final Initial Study and Negative Declaration Recommendation is filed."²

In its May 15, 2017 status report, Applicant indicated that it did not anticipate any near-term, natural-gas-fired Requests for Offers to accommodate the Project as proposed."³ Applicant asked that the monthly status report requirement be changed to quarterly reporting to avoid unnecessary work for itself and for Staff.⁴ On May 31, 2017, Applicant filed a "Request for Suspension of the Small Power Plant Exemption Proceeding for the Pomona Repower Project" (Request).⁵ The Request asked the Energy Commission to issue an order suspending Staff's work on the Application until April 2, 2018.⁶ The

¹ The Committee consists of Commissioner Janea A. Scott, Presiding Member, and Commissioner Karen Douglas, Associate Member. The full Energy Commission made this Committee assignment at an Energy Commission Business Meeting on April 13, 2016. (TN 211152.)

² TN 211661, p. 2.

³ TN 217602, p.1.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ TN 217774.

⁶ *Id.*, p. 3.

Applicant also asked that the monthly status report requirement be suspended and replaced with a commitment to submit a status report on or before March 30, 2018, “explaining its intentions for the Project and the related future processing of the [Application].”⁷ Applicant stated in the Request that the Project site has been selected by Southern California Edison as a location for an energy storage facility for 20 MW of lithium-ion batteries, and there may be no opportunities in the future “to accommodate the Project as proposed.”⁸

No comments were received in response to Applicant’s Request.

The Committee GRANTS the request to suspend the proceedings to a date certain of April 2, 2018. The Committee ORDERS as follows:

1. All proceedings in the above-captioned matter are suspended until April 2, 2018. During the suspension of the proceedings, Staff and all responsible agencies shall cease work on the Application. All pending motions and deadlines are stayed;
2. Monthly status reports are no longer required, EXCEPT that Applicant shall submit a status report by March 30, 2018, as described in their Request;
3. The Committee reserves the authority to reopen the proceeding at any time; and
4. Nothing in this order shall preclude the Committee or any party from moving to terminate the proceeding pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1720.2.

Information concerning the status of the Project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/pomona/>.

Dated: June 26, 2017, at Sacramento, California

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

JANE A. SCOTT
Commissioner and Presiding Member
Pomona Repower Project SPPE Committee

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

KAREN DOUGLAS
Commissioner and Associate Member
Pomona Repower Project SPPE Committee

⁷ *Id.*, pp. 3-4.

⁸ *Id.*, p. 2.