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Petition For Amendment for the
PALMDALE ENERGY PROJECT

**PALMDALE ENERGY, LLC's STATUS
REPORT 1**

In accordance with the Committee Scheduling Order dated December 2, 2015, Palmdale Energy LLC has prepared this Status Report 1 to inform the Committee and to provide recommendations concerning the processing of the Petition For Amendment for the Palmdale Energy Project (PEP).

The following summarizes the status of the Commission process since the Site Visit, Scoping and Informational Hearing held on November 16, 2015, as well as upcoming permitting events.

Data Requests and Responses

The City of Lancaster issued Data Request Set 1 on October 20, 2015 relating to Air Quality. Palmdale Energy LLC provided its responses on November 5, 2015.

Staff issued Data Request Set 1 on October 30, 2015. Palmdale Energy LLC provided its responses on November 30, 2015.

On November 24, 2015 CEC Staff issued Data Request Set 2, which requested an updated Phase I Environmental Assessment for the PEP. Palmdale Energy LLC provided its response and the updated assessment on December 10, 2015.

Issue Resolution Workshops

CEC Staff scheduled its first Data Response and Issue Resolution Workshop on December 17, 2015. Palmdale Energy LLC looks forward to CEC Staff providing input on whether it agrees on the modifications to the Final Decision Conditions of Certification proposed by Palmdale Energy LLC in its Revised Petition For Amendment. Palmdale

Energy LLC believes that it is likely that there will be agreement on many of the proposed modifications which would completely resolve any potential disagreement between CEC Staff and Palmdale Energy LLC for many technical areas. The areas that are not likely to be fully resolved at the upcoming workshop would be Air Quality and Transmission System Engineering. Air Quality cannot be fully resolved until the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (District) issues its Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC). Transmission System Engineering cannot be fully resolved until the California Independent System Operator (CalSO) issues its Phase I study for the PEP.

Additional Information Needs

Palmdale Energy LLC is working diligently to provide more detailed responses to CEC Staff Data Request Set 1. Specifically, Palmdale Energy LLC has commissioned an updated literature search for cultural resources which will not be completed until later in December 2015. Additionally, responses to Staff's Transmission System Engineering questions cannot be provided until the CalSO provides the Phase I transmission system study which is expected in January 2016.

The District has informed Palmdale Energy LLC that it expects to issue the PDOC on December 18, 2015.

At this time, Palmdale Energy LLC acknowledges that in order for Staff to complete its Preliminary Staff Assessment it would require information that will be contained within the CalSO Phase I transmission system study. Therefore, Palmdale agrees that the PSA publication date should be 30 days after the information from the Phase I study is provided to Staff and not 30 days from issuance of the PDOC as outlined in the Committee Scheduling Order.

Dated: December 15, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,



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