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Subject: **Palmdale Energy Project Amendment (08-AFC-09C) STATUS UPDATE No. 16**

California Energy Commission staff docketed their response to the project owner's opening testimony on February 22, 2017. The response addressed four unresolved technical issue areas between staff and the project owner. The four issue areas are as follows:

- **AQSC-6:** pertaining to a periodic reporting requirement;
- **AQT-4** and **AQAB-6:** minor changes to specifications;
- **BIO-10:** revegetation of temporary laydown area;
- **S&W-4:** minor language changes to potable water requirements;
- **TRANS-2:** minor language changes about FAA structure height determinations.

The applicant has indicated concurrence with these proposed changes. Late in the proceeding, on February 10, 2017, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service notified staff that a new Section 7 consultation from the Environmental Protection Agency was required to prepare a Biological Assessment of the potential impacts from transmission line collisions to Southwestern willow flycatcher and willow flycatcher.

The Committee held a Pre-Hearing Conference on March 10, 2017. Staff and the project owner also discussed the proposed Southwestern willow flycatcher and willow flycatcher testimony.

On March 15, 2017, staff docketed testimony addressing the effects of the proposed amendment on the Southwestern willow flycatcher and willow flycatcher, along with proposed Conditions of Certification **BIO-24** and **BIO-26**, previously agreed to by the project owner, to provide for Southwestern willow flycatcher and willow flycatcher monitoring and mitigation, respectively.

A Committee Hearing is scheduled for March 22, 2017 at 11:00 in Palmdale, California.

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