



BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE
HUNTINGTON BEACH ENERGY PROJECT**

Docket No. 12-AFC-02

California Energy Commission

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COMMITTEE SCHEDULING ORDER

Background

On June 27, 2012 AES Southland Development, LLC (AES-SLD) submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission seeking permission to construct and operate a power generation facility, the Huntington Beach Energy Project (HBEP), located in the city of Huntington Beach just north of the intersection of the Pacific Coast Highway and Newland Street. The project would be located entirely within the footprint of the existing AES Huntington Beach Generating Station, an operating power plant.

The HBEP is a proposed natural-gas fired, combined-cycle, air-cooled, 939-megawatt (MW) electrical generating facility that would replace the AES Huntington Beach Generating Station. HBEP will consist of two independently operating, three-on-one, combined-cycle gas turbine power blocks. Each power block will consist of three gas-fired combustion turbine generators (CTG), three supplemental fired heat recovery steam generators (HRSG), one steam turbine generator (STG), an air-cooled condenser, and related ancillary equipment. Other equipment and facilities to be constructed and shared by both power blocks include natural gas compressors, water treatment facilities, emergency services, and administration and maintenance buildings.

The Energy Commission assigned a Committee of two Commissioners to conduct proceedings on the AFC. The Committee held a public Site Visit and Informational Hearing at the Central Library in Huntington Beach on September 10, 2012, to discuss the review process and to identify issues that could affect the schedule. Pursuant to Title 20, of the California Code of Regulations, section 1709.7(c), the attached Committee Schedule is based on Staff's proposed schedule and related discussions at the Informational Hearing.

The schedule contains a list of events that must occur in order to complete the certification process. This initial schedule covers the period up to the Final Staff Assessment (FSA) with the balance of the schedule to be determined by the Committee. The Committee encourages the parties to consider this schedule an

outer boundary and make their best efforts to complete the milestones ahead of these dates. Some deadlines may be contingent upon reviews to be conducted by federal, state, and local agencies. The Applicant must provide sufficient review time for the responsible agencies to meet the deadlines specified in the schedule.

Technical issues including alternatives, transmission system engineering, and waste management were discussed at the Informational Hearing. **Resolution of these issues, and others that develop during the review process, shall be addressed during the data exchange process and in public meetings with the parties and interested governmental agencies.** Given the complexities involved in resolving such issues, the parties are hereby notified that the Committee may modify the schedule at any time upon either its own motion or that of a party. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1709.7 (c).)

Status Reports and Status Conferences

The attached schedule requires status reports to be submitted by all parties. Status reports shall inform the Committee whether or not case development is progressing satisfactorily, and bring potential schedule delays and other relevant matters to the Committee's attention.

The reports shall be received by the other parties and the Commission's Docket Unit, 1516 Ninth Street, MS-4, Sacramento, California 95814-5512, **and must be filed no later than 3:00 p.m.** on the due date. Status reports must contain "Docket No. 12-AFC-02" in the caption or heading. The parties shall e-mail their status reports to the Hearing Adviser and to those with e-mail addresses as indicated on the Proof-of-Service list.

Public Adviser and Public Participation

The Energy Commission invites members of the public and other interested parties to participate either on an informal basis or by intervening in the proceeding. Both types of participation allow written and oral comments. At the informal participation level, written and oral public comments are considered by the Commissioners and are part of the record, but are not part of the formal evidentiary record. Intervenors have the right to introduce evidence into the evidentiary record and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses.

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office is available to provide the public with an understanding of a proceeding and to make recommendations for meaningful participation. For assistance, contact Jennifer Jennings, the Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or 800-822-6228 or e-mail at: publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

Contact Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Raoul Renaud, the Hearing Adviser, at (916) 651-2020 or e-mail: raoul.renaud@energy.ca.gov.

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Felicia Miller, the Staff Project Manager, (916) 654-4640, or e-mail: felicia.miller@energy.ca.gov.

Media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission's Media Office at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail at: mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate, please contact Lourdes Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 or e-mail at: lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov.

Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at:

http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/huntington_beach_energy/index.html

Dated: October 1, 2012, at Sacramento, California.

Original Signed By:

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Huntington Beach Energy Project AFC Committee

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Huntington Beach Energy Project AFC Committee

**COMMITTEE SCHEDULE
HUNTINGTON BEACH ENERGY PROJECT**

	ACTIVITY	Date
1	Application for Certification determined to be "Data Adequate" at Commission Business Meeting	08-09-12
2	Staff files Issues Identification Report	08-31-12
3	Information hearing and site visit	09-10-12
4	Staff files 1 st Round Data Requests	09-28-12
5	Applicant files Data Responses	10-29-12
6	Data response and issue resolution workshop	11-14-12
7	Staff files data requests (round 2, if necessary)	11-28-12
8	Applicant provides data responses (round 2, if necessary)	12-28-12
9	Data response and issue resolution workshop (round 2)	01-14-13
10	Applicant submits supplemental information resulting from workshop	01-28-13
11	SCAQMD issues Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC)	01-28-13
12	Preliminary Staff Assessment filed	03-01-13
13	Preliminary Staff Assessment workshop	03-15-13
14	SCAQMD issues Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC)	03-22-13
15	Comments on PSA are due	04-02-13
16	Final Staff Assessment filed	05-01-13



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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Maggie Read, declare that on October 1, 2012, I served and filed a copy of the attached COMMITTEE SCHEDULING ORDER, dated October 1, 2012. This document is accompanied by the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at:

http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/huntington_beach_energy/index.html.

The document has been sent to the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit or Chief Counsel, as appropriate, in the following manner:

(Check all that Apply)

For service to all other parties:

- Served electronically to all e-mail addresses on the Proof of Service list;
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OR, if filing a Petition for Reconsideration of Decision or Order pursuant to Title 20, § 1720:

- Served by delivering on this date one electronic copy by e-mail, and an original paper copy to the Chief Counsel at the following address, either personally, or for mailing with the U.S. Postal Service with first class postage thereon fully prepaid:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, that I am employed in the county where this mailing occurred, and that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the proceeding.

Original Signed By:

Maggie Read
Hearing Adviser's Office