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California Energy Commission

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Stephen O'Kane, Manager
AES Huntington Beach, LLC
21730 Newland Street
Huntington Beach, California 92646

RE: Transfer of Greenhouse Gas Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit Application for the AES Huntington Beach Energy Project to the South Coast Air Quality Management District

Dear Mr. O'Kane,

On September 29, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (EPA Region 9) received your Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) application for the Huntington Beach Energy Project, which is to be located in Huntington Beach, California. However, we are sending this letter to notify you that we have transferred your GHG PSD permit application to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (District) for processing. This includes copies of all materials previously submitted to EPA Region 9 for your project.

On January 9, 2013, the District became the agency responsible for the issuance of GHG PSD permits for sources within the District. For more information see 77 Fed. Reg. 73320 (December 10, 2012). As a result, sources located in the District seeking GHG PSD permits are no longer subject to the Federal Implementation Plan for the PSD program at 40 CFR 52.21 and are no longer required to seek GHG PSD permits from EPA Region 9. Instead, sources located within the District requiring GHG PSD permit authorization must submit an application to the District and comply with the applicable requirements in District Rule 1714 – Prevention of Significant Deterioration for Greenhouse Gases.

Accordingly, we recommend contacting the District as soon as possible to determine the next steps for completing the processing of your application.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Lisa Beckham of my office at Beckham.Lisa@epa.gov or at (415) 972-3811.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerardo C. Rios".

Gerardo C. Rios
Chief, Air Permit Office

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