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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Energy Resources Conservation
and Development Commission

In the Matter of:)
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Application for Certification for the)
TID Almond 2 Power Plant Project)
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Docket No. 09-AFC-2

ALMOND 2 POWER PLANT STATUS REPORT #11

This is the eleventh monthly Status Report for the Almond 2 Power Plant (“A2PP”) project filed by the Turlock Irrigation District (the “District”). The District submits this Status Report in compliance with the Committee Scheduling Order issued on August 10, 2009. This Status Report provides a summary of project licensing activities for the period June 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

The District understands and appreciates that the Commission has devoted considerable resources to processing the Application for the A2PP project, especially in light of the Commission’s pressing workload and significant resource constraints. This diligence reflects, in part, the Commission’s understanding that the District’s elected Board has made a determination that the A2PP project is the keystone in an integrated resource plan that will allow the District to achieve a twenty-eight percent (28%) Renewable Portfolio Standard (“RPS”). Thank you for this understanding and for your diligence.

Applicant Filings

On June 7, 2010, the District filed its final comments on the Staff Assessment.

Status Conference

The District appreciates that the A2PP CEC Siting Committee has scheduled a Status Conference for July 6 at 2:00 p.m. The District looks forward to the opportunity to inform the Committee on the status of the project and its importance to the District.

We are informed that the Staff Assessment Errata will be published soon. It is our understanding that there are only a few, lightly-contested issues. The Applicant believes that the Parties may be able to avoid adjudication of most, if not all, issues through further discussions with Staff. Further, of the few remaining issues, Applicant believes most, if not all, involve questions of law that will not require witness testimony at Evidentiary Hearings.

Although we have not yet had these discussions with Staff, the Applicant believes this case may be an excellent candidate for the Parties to enter into a stipulation to have most, if not all, subjects entered into the Hearing Record via the declarations of the subject matter expert (i.e., without live witness testimony). Further, since there are so few disputed issues, Applicant believes that the Committee can follow prior Commission practice and hold the Prehearing Conference and the Evidentiary Hearings on the same day.

In simplest terms, this case is very “clean.” Moreover, as we will discuss at the Status Conference, there is a real urgency to have this project certified, constructed and on-line as soon as possible. Without presuming any specific outcomes, the Applicant has already committed considerable time and resources to preparing Compliance documents to allow construction to begin as soon as possible.

The urgency reflects the fact that the A2PP Project is the keystone in the District’s integrated resource plan that will support TID’s RPS and greenhouse gas (GHG) goals, provide system reliability for the TID Balancing Authority, and generally benefit the District’s ratepayer-owners.


Conclusion

Approval of A2PP in the late summer/early fall of 2010 is critical both to satisfying the District’s reliability obligations as a Balancing Authority and for allowing the District to integrate the intermittent renewables resources that make up the District’s 28% renewable resources portfolio. The release of the Staff Assessment enables this important project to move forward in support of the District’s RPS and GHG reduction goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 1, 2010

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Karen A. Mitchell, declare that on July 1, 2010 I served copies of the attached *Almond 2 Power Plant Status Report #11* by email and U.S. Mail to each party on the attached service list.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



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