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**Re: Huntington Beach Energy Project (12-AFC-02)
Applicant's Status Report (March 2014); Request for Scheduling Conference**

Dear Commissioners and Hearing Adviser Cochran:

Applicant AES Southland Development, LLC submits this Status Report for the Huntington Beach Energy Project ("HBEP") pursuant to the Committee's July 31, 2013 Scheduling Order. As Applicant noted in its February 2014 Status Report, the South Coast Air Quality Management District docketed the Preliminary Determination of Compliance ("PDOC") for HBEP on January 27, 2014.

As you are aware, the Scheduling Order requires Staff to issue PSA Part B within thirty (30) days of receipt of the PDOC and Staff has repeatedly maintained that it would comply with this requirement.¹ It has come to Applicant's attention, however, that Staff's publication of PSA Part B has been delayed beyond the mandated 30-day publication date and the expected publication date remains unknown. Applicant is gravely concerned that Staff's continuous delays in an already 19-month long AFC proceeding, including delays in issuance of a complete PSA, will unnecessarily and indefinitely delay Staff's publication of a Final Staff Assessment for HBEP.

¹ See Scheduling Order at p. 4 (PSA Part B . . . to be filed 30 days after receipt of PDOC; see also Staff's Status Reports Nos. 8 and 9 (noting "Staff will publish PSA Part B within 30 days of receiving the [PDOC]" and Staff's Status Report No. 10 (noting "Staff plans to publish the PSA Part B on 2/27/14.")).



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As has been demonstrated and repeatedly stated, Applicant is fully invested in HBEP and eager to obtain a Final Decision and license to construct and operate this project, which is critical to maintaining electrical system reliability in southern California. To that end, Applicant respectfully requests that the Committee hold a mandatory Scheduling Conference as soon as possible such that the parties may address the numerous delays and issues raised herein with the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa A. Foster". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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