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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
FINAL STAFF ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED  
HUNTINGTON BEACH ENERGY PROJECT (12-AFC-02)**

To: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Final Staff Assessment (FSA) of the Huntington Beach Energy Project (HBEP) Application for Certification (AFC) is now available and contains the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff's final evaluation of the proposal. The FSA is available for review on the Energy Commission's website at: [http://docketpublic.energy.ca.gov/PublicDocuments/12-AFC-02/TN202405\\_20140602T085620\\_Final\\_Staff\\_Assessment.pdf](http://docketpublic.energy.ca.gov/PublicDocuments/12-AFC-02/TN202405_20140602T085620_Final_Staff_Assessment.pdf).

The FSA will serve as staff's formal testimony in evidentiary hearings to be held by the Energy Commission's Committee assigned to hear this case. The Committee will hold evidentiary hearings in July that will be noticed separately and will consider the recommendations presented by the staff, applicant, intervenors, government agencies, and the public, prior to proposing its decision. The Energy Commission will make the final decision, including findings, after the Committee's publication of its Presiding Member's Proposed Decision.

The Energy Commission appreciates your continued participation in the review of the HBEP AFC. The comment period for the FSA ends on June 30, 2014. If you wish to provide comments on the FSA, please submit them by going to the Energy Commission's HBEP webpage [http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/huntington\\_beach\\_energy/index.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/huntington_beach_energy/index.html) and click on the "Submit e-Comment" link. Please provide your full name, an organization name, an email address, a reference to Docket No. 12-AFC-02 in the subject line, and preferably put your comment in an attached document (.doc, .docx, or .pdf format). After entering characters to ensure that responses are generated by a human user and not a computer, click on the "Agree & Submit Your Comment" button to submit the comment to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit.

If you wish to mail written comments on the FSA, please submit them to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit. Please include the docket number (12-AFC-02) for the HBEP in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments and mail or hand-deliver them to:

California Energy Commission  
Dockets Unit, MS-4  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

All written comments and materials filed with the Dockets Unit will become a part of the public record of the proceeding.

### **SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED HUNTINGTON BEACH ENERGY PROJECT**

On June 27, 2012, AES Southland Corporation submitted an AFC to the Energy Commission seeking permission to construct and operate a power generation facility, HBEP, which would be located entirely within the footprint of the existing Huntington Beach Generating Station, an operating power plant. The proposed project is located in the city of Huntington Beach, just north of the intersection of the Pacific Coast Highway and Newland Street. The proposed HBEP would be a natural-gas fired, combined-cycle, air-cooled, 939-megawatt (MW) electrical generating facility that would replace the AES Huntington Beach Generating Station.

### **SUMMARY OF STAFF'S FINAL CONCLUSIONS**

Energy Commission staff concludes that the HBEP complies with all LORS, and with the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures described in the conditions of certification, potential environmental impacts of the HBEP would be mitigated to levels of less than significant.

### **AVAILABILITY OF PROJECT INFORMATION**

The status of the project, copies of notices, and other relevant documents are available on the Energy Commission's HBEP project page:

[http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/huntington\\_beach\\_energy/index.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/huntington_beach_energy/index.html)

Copies of the FSA are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Eureka, Fresno, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego. Additionally, copies of the PSA were mailed to the following public libraries:

Huntington Beach Public Library 7111 Talbert Avenue Huntington Beach, CA 92648	Orange County Public Library HQ 1501 E Street Andrew Place Santa Ana, CA 92705
Costa Mesa/Donald Dungan Library 1855 Park Avenue Costa Mesa, CA 92627	Costa Mesa/Mesa Verde Library 2969 Mesa Verde Drive Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Mary Wilson Library 707 Electric Avenue Seal Beach, CA 90740	Fountain Valley Library 17635 Los Alamos Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Copies of the FSA have also been sent to those public agencies that would normally have jurisdiction except for the Energy Commission's exclusive authority to certify sites and related facilities.

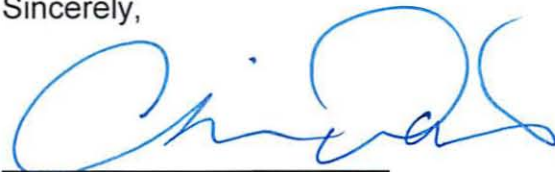
**PUBLIC RESOURCES, CONTACT INFORMATION, AND ADDITIONAL SOURCES FOR INFORMATION**

If you need further information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the proposed project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser at (916) 653-5898, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by email at [publicadviser@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadviser@energy.ca.gov).

For additional information about the project or schedule, contact Felicia Miller, Energy Commission Project Manager at (916) 654-4640 or by email at [felicia.miller@energy.ca.gov](mailto:felicia.miller@energy.ca.gov).

News media inquiries should be directed to Deputy Executive Director, Lori Sinsley at (916) 654-4989, or by email at [mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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