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**DOCUMENT HANDLING FOR THE FINAL STAFF ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED
HUNTINGTON BEACH ENERGY PROJECT (12-AFC-02)**

Dear Librarian:

The enclosed Final Staff Assessment (FSA) contains the California Energy Commission staff's final engineering and environmental evaluation of the Huntington Beach Energy Project proposed to be located in the city of Huntington Beach. Please make this FSA available for those who may wish to be informed about the project. We request that you not allow the FSA or any of its contents to be removed from the library. To increase accessibility of the document, we ask, if possible, that you cross reference it as a general reference work under the title and author categories, as well as under such subjects as "Energy Commission," "electricity energy/generation," "power plant siting," or any other relevant subject.

The Energy Commission's siting process is open to the public and incorporates the input of the public as well as local, state, and federal agencies. To facilitate public participation in our review process, the Commission distributes copies of staff documents such as the FSA to public libraries in communities near the proposed project and in major cities throughout the state. As such, please retain a copy of the enclosed Notice of Availability behind the front cover of the FSA and also post a copy of the Notice of Availability in a place conspicuous and accessible to library visitors.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Felicia Miller, Siting Project Manager at (916) 654-4640 or by email to felicia.miller@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Davis".

Chris Davis, Manager
Siting Office

Enclosure:
Final Staff Assessment (12-AFC-02)

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
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To: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Final Staff Assessment (FSA) of the Huntington Beach Energy Project (HBEP) Application for Certification (AFC) contains the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff's final evaluation of the proposed project. The FSA is available for review on the Energy Commission's web site at: 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 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 and click on the "Submit e-Comment" link. Please provide your full name, any organization name, an e-mail 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 is a natural-gas fired, combined-cycle, air-cooled, 939-megawatt (MW) electrical generating facility that would replace the AES Huntington Beach Generating Station. The HBEP would consist of two independently operating, three-on-one, combined-cycle gas turbine power blocks.

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

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

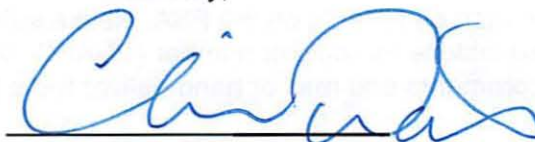
If you need further information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the proposed project, please contact the Energy Commission's Public Adviser at (916) 653-5898, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by email at

publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

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.

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

Sincerely,



Chris Davis, Manager
Siting Office

Date: 6/6/14

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