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BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
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**PETITION TO AMEND THE
HUNTINGTON BEACH ENERGY PROJECT**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SITE VISIT, ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING AND COMMITTEE ORDER

On September 10, 2015, AES Southland, LLC (AES or Petitioner) submitted a Petition to Amend (Petition) to the California Energy Commission (Commission) seeking permission to amend the previous license granted to AES for the Huntington Beach Energy Project (12-AFC-02) (HBEP or Original License).¹ The Petition proposes to reduce the nominal generation capacity of the project from 939 megawatts (MW) to 844 MW (644 MW generated from combined-cycle technology and 200 MW from simple-cycle technologies) (the Amended HBEP). The changes are described in greater detail later in this notice.

The project site is located in the City of Huntington Beach, just north of the intersection of the Pacific Coast Highway and Newland Street. The project would be located entirely within the footprint of the existing AES Huntington Beach Generating Station, an operating power plant.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 14, 2015, the full Commission designated Andrew McAllister, Commissioner and Presiding Member, and Karen Douglas, Commissioner and Associate Member, as the Committee² to conduct proceedings on the proposed amendment. The Committee has scheduled a Public Site Visit, Environmental Scoping Meeting, and Informational Hearing as described below:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015

**Public Site Visit begins at 3:30 p.m. (buses leave at 3:45 p.m.)
Environmental Scoping Meeting/Informational Hearing begins at 5:00 p.m.**

**Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort
21100 Pacific Coast Highway
Huntington Beach, California 92648-5307
(Map attached)**

¹ The Original License can be found at: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/getdocument.aspx?tn=203309>

² Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, §§ 1204, 1702.

Members of the public are invited to join the Committee on a tour of the proposed site before the Environmental Scoping Meeting/Informational Hearing begins. Complimentary bus transportation from the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort to the site will be provided and will depart at 3:45 p.m. Please contact the Commission's Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or 1-800-822-6228, or e-mail at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov to reserve a seat on the bus for the site visit. Please make your reservation on or before 3:00 p.m. on December 1, 2015, so that we can assure you a space.



TELECONFERENCE OPTION: Parties and the Public may attend the Environmental Scoping Meeting/Informational Hearing in person at the above location or by telephone and/or by computer via our "WebEx" web conferencing system. For details on how to participate by WebEx, please see the "Participation through WebEx" directions attached to this Notice.

Background

On October 29, 2014, the Commission granted a license to AES to construct and operate the HBEP. Shortly after the approval of the Original License, Southern California Edison (SCE) publicly announced that AES had been selected to provide 844 MW of nominal capacity.³ SCE selected a project configuration that requires that the Original License be modified.

The proposed Amended HBEP would be a smaller natural-gas-fired, air-cooled electrical generating facility than that approved by the Commission in 2014. The proposed Amended HBEP would have both combined-cycle and simple-cycle technologies while the facility approved by the Commission in 2014 had only combined-cycle technologies. It would replace, and be constructed on the site of, the AES Huntington Beach Generating Station, an existing and operating power plant in Huntington Beach, California.

The expected commercial operation date for the proposed amended HBEP combined-cycle power block is May 2020; the commercial operation date for the simple-cycle power block is the third quarter of 2023. Similar to the approved HBEP project, the amended HBEP combined-cycle power block would require demolition of Huntington Beach Generating Station's retired Unit 5 (former gas turbine generator) and two former fuel oil tanks.

Existing Huntington Beach Generating Station Units 3 and 4 are licensed through the Commission (00-AFC-13). Demolition of these units is authorized under that license and will proceed irrespective of the Amended HBEP. Therefore, demolition of existing Huntington Beach Generating Station Units 3 and 4 is not part of the Amended HBEP project definition. However, to ensure a comprehensive review of potential project

³ This selection occurred in SCE's 2013 Local Capacity Requirements Request for Offers (LCR RFO)

impacts, the demolition of existing Huntington Beach Generating Station Units 3 and 4 is included as a project subject to cumulative impact assessment.

Further details of the proposed Amended HBEP are contained in the Petition, which may be viewed at:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/getdocument.aspx?tn=206087>

The Petition has been sent to the following public libraries in the area:⁴

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 are also available at the Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Eureka, San Francisco, Fresno, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

Purpose of the Environmental Scoping Meeting and Informational Hearing

The Commission has exclusive jurisdiction over this project's licensing process, and it is considering this proposed amendment under a review process established by section 1769 of its regulations.⁵ The Commission considers the relevant engineering and environmental aspects of the proposed amendment under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Environmental Scoping Meeting and Informational Hearing scheduled in this Notice provides an opportunity for members of the community in the project vicinity to be introduced to the Committee and Hearing Officer assigned to oversee this proceeding, obtain information on the Commission's siting review process and proposed project, identify areas of environmental concern to be addressed during the environmental review of the amendment, offer comments, and view the project site. The project owner will explain its plans for developing the project and the related facilities. Staff will explain the administrative licensing process and its role in reviewing

⁴ <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/getdocument.aspx?tn=206513>

⁵ California Code of Regs., tit. 20, div. 2, chap. 5

the Petition. The Hearing Officer will explain the role of the Committee, and the Public Adviser will explain how her office can offer assistance to the public.

ORDER REGARDING PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND ISSUE IDENTIFICATION REPORT

To assist participants in understanding the currently proposed amended project, Petitioner and Staff shall each file a proposed schedule for conducting the amendment process, and Staff shall file an Issue Identification Report (Report) summarizing any potential issues. The proposed schedules and Report shall be filed no later than December 1, 2015. These documents will be available for review at:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?doctetnumber=12-AFC-02C>

At the Environmental Scoping Meeting and Informational Hearing, the parties shall indicate whether anticipated data responses would resolve issues of concern that have been raised in the Staff's Report.

Public Adviser and Public Participation

The Commission invites members of the public and other interested parties to participate either on an informal basis or by intervening in the proceeding. Both types of participation allow written and oral comments. At the informal participation level, written and oral public comments are considered by the Committee and are part of the record, but are not part of the formal evidentiary record. Intervenors have the right to introduce evidence into the evidentiary record and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses.

The Commission's Public Adviser's Office is available to provide the public with an understanding of the proceedings and to make recommendations for meaningful participation. For assistance, contact Alana Mathews, Public Adviser, by e-mail at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov or at (916) 654-4489 or (800) 822-6228.

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in this event, contact Lourdes Quiroz at least five days in advance of the hearing by e-mail at lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov or at (916) 654-5146.

Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Susan Cochran, Hearing Officer, by e-mail at susan.cochran@energy.ca.gov or at (916) 654-3965.

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to John Heiser, Staff Project Manager, by email at john.heiser@energy.ca.gov or at (916) 653-8236.

Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Media and Public Communications at (916) 654-4989 or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

Information concerning the status of the proposed amended project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at:

http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/huntington_beach_energy/

Dated: November 23, 2015, at Sacramento, California.

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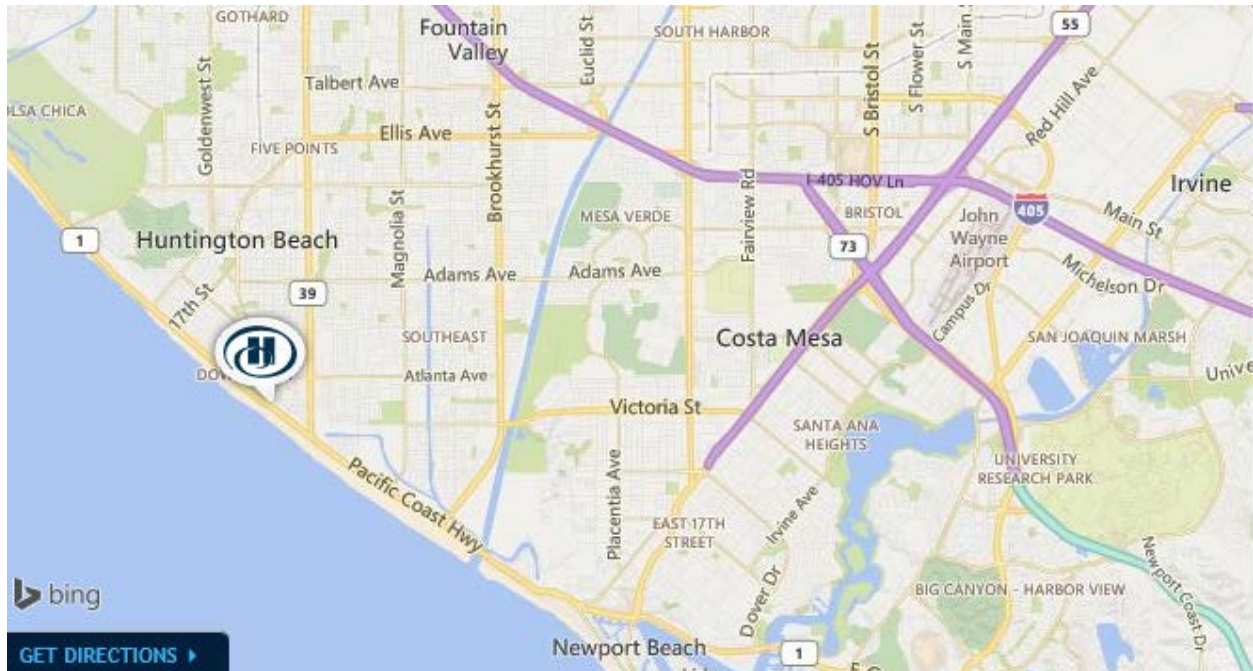
ANDREW McALLISTER
Commissioner and Presiding Member
Huntington Beach Energy Project Amendment Committee

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Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. 3:30 P.M.: Site Visit (buses leave no later than 3:45 p.m.)
3. 5:00 P.M.: Environmental Scoping Meeting/Informational Hearing
 - a. Presentation by the Petitioner, Commission Staff, and the Commission's Public Adviser
 - b. Discussion of the environmental issues presented
 - c. Discussion of schedule for review of the project

4. Public Comment

Members of the public and other interested persons and entities may speak up to three minutes on a matter appearing on this agenda.

5. Closed Session

Possible Committee closed session consideration of the following Item:

Huntington Beach Energy Project Amendment (AFC 12-AFC-02C): Deliberation on matters for decision by the Committee, such as pending motions and scheduling.

The Committee may adjourn to closed session in accordance with Government Code, section 11126, subdivision (c)(3), which allows a state body, including a delegated committee, to hold a closed session to deliberate on a decision to be reached in a proceeding the state body was required by law to conduct. The Committee may adjourn to a closed session at any point during the meeting and may conduct multiple closed sessions as necessary.

6. Adjourn

Agency Contact: Susan Cochran, Hearing Officer, by email at susan.cochran@energy.ca.gov, or at (916) 654-3965.