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**Re: Huntington Beach Energy Project (12-AFC-02C)
Project Owner's Status Report #1; Response to Committee Scheduling Order**

Dear Commissioners and Hearing Adviser Cochran:

Project Owner AES Southland Development, LLC ("Project Owner" or "AES") submits this Status Report for the Huntington Beach Energy Project ("HBEP") Petition to Amend ("PTA") proceeding pursuant to the Committee's January 15, 2016 Scheduling Order. Since the December 8, 2015 Site Visit and Informational Hearing, Project Owner docketed the materials presented during the Site Visit and Informational Hearing (TN #s 206916, 206917) and provided additional information responsive to Staff's November 13, 2015 data requests, including a follow-up to certain discussions held during the December 8, 2015 Staff Data Request Workshop (see TN#s 207011¹, 207021). In addition, Project Owner will be providing Staff with additional information responsive to follow-up informal requests related to Air Quality Data Requests AQ16 - AQ18, Visual Resources (heights and numbers of transmission structures), and additional thermal plume information for the simple-cycle gas turbines fin-fan coolers. As of the date of this report, Project Owner is not aware of any other outstanding data requests from Staff.

In addition to the foregoing, on December 18, 2015, the South Coast Air Quality Management District issued a completeness determination for the Amended HBEP (SCAQMD application ID# 115389). (TN# 207088.)

¹ Project Owner filed objection to certain data requests in Staff's Data Requests, Set One on December 1, 2015 (TN# 206807) and filed responses to Staff's Data Requests, Set One, on December 7, 2015 (TN# 206858).



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Lastly, Project Owner has reviewed the Committee Scheduling Order dated January 14, 2016 and respectfully provides the following response regarding certain dates proposed therein:

- Project Owner requests that the time from the SCAQMD's issuance of the Preliminary Determination of Compliance ("PDOC") to CEC Staff's publication of the Preliminary Staff Assessment ("PSA") be shortened from 21 days to 10 days.
- In the event that the PDOC is issued prior to April 1, Project Owner requests that the PSA be due ten (10) days from the date that the PDOC is issued, instead of April 22, 2016 as set forth in the schedule. For example, if the PDOC is issued on March 15, the schedule currently would allow Staff until April 22 to publish the PSA.²

AES looks forward to participating in a productive Status Conference on February 16, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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² Project Owner appreciates that the Committee has put the parties on notice that the Committee may modify the Schedule at any time upon either its own motion or upon a motion of a party. However, Project Owner requests that consideration of Schedule modifications occur both when deadlines set forth in the current schedule are exceeded (i.e., move up certain dates in the Schedule) as well as in the event of certain subject areas that may be delayed (push back certain deadlines for an affected issue area(s) - bifurcation- only in the event of subject area(s) delay).