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Subject: HUNTINGTON BEACH ENERGY PROJECT, PETITION TO AMEND (12-AFC-02C) STATUS REPORT #2

Staff hereby files Status Report #2 for the Huntington Beach Energy Project (HBEP) Petition to Amend (PTA). This report will summarize the activities since Status Report #1 was docketed on 2/1/16.

Procedural Activities and Coordination Efforts to Date:

Energy Commission staff are conducting the review of the proposed HBEP PTA and issued Data Request Set 2 (A75- A77) on 2/1/16 in the technical area of air quality. The applicant docketed responses on 2/09/16 to the Air Quality Data Requests from Set 1 that were discussed with Energy Commission staff at the Data Response Workshop held on 12/8/15 (A14 and A16-A18) regarding commissioning particulate matter and the impacts from the overlap of operations of the new and existing blocks with the demolition of existing HBGS Units 3 and 4). On 02/11/2016 the applicant docketed information regarding correspondence with the air district regarding cumulative air quality inventory. On 2/12/16, the applicant docketed Data Responses Set 2.

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD):

The SCAQMD docketed a letter on 12/18/15 saying that the application submitted by the petitioner was complete with an indication that additional information may be required to complete the PDOC. SCAQMD docketed a status report on 2/26/16 which indicated SCAQMD staff has substantially completed the PDOC engineering analysis and finalizing their review of the health risk assessment and emissions modelling. SCAQMD indicated still being on target to complete the PDOC on or before 4/1/16.

Status Conference

Staff participated in the 2/16/16 status conference at the Energy Commission. The applicant indicated the air district has informed them that it would publish the PDOC by

March 1, 2016 and requested that the PSA be published within 3 weeks of the PDOC being docketed. Staff agreed to work to meet that schedule.

Site Visit

The Energy Commission staff biology team assigned to the HBEP PTA conducted a site visit with the applicant and its environmental contractors on 2/18/16. The biology team then met with the staff from the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy Wildlife Care Center to discuss the concerns of the project related to the adjacent Magnolia Marsh. A potential issue was raised by Wildlife Care center staff who said they would not allow the right-of-way between the laydown and parking area between the Plains America Tank Farm and the project site to be used by construction workers.

Schedule:

Once the PDOC is docketed by SQAQMD, staff plans to docket the complete Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) within three weeks and no later than the scheduled publication date of 4/22/16.

Coordination with State Agencies:

Energy Commission staff biologists attempted to coordinate the HBEP site visit with the California Coastal Commission (CCC) to review a difference of opinion regarding wetlands on the project site, but the CCC biologist was unable to join them. After the PSA is published, staff will continue coordinating with the agencies involved with the amendment review, including the city of Huntington Beach, CCC, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, SCAQMD, and the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy.

Tribal Coordination:

The Energy Commission staff continues to coordinate meetings with Native American tribal representatives.