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**VIA ELECTRONIC DOCKETING**

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**Re: Huntington Beach Energy Project (12-AFC-02C)  
Status Report #9**

Dear Commissioners and Hearing Adviser Cochran:

Project Owner AES Huntington Beach Energy, LLC (“Project Owner” or “AES”) submits this ninth Status Report for the Huntington Beach Energy Project (“HBEP”) Petition to Amend (“PTA”) proceedings pursuant to the Committee’s August 29, 2016 Amended Committee Scheduling Order (“Scheduling Order”). The following activities have occurred since filing the September 1, 2016 Status Report.

In September, Project Owner docketed two additional items that will further assist Staff in finalizing the Final Staff Assessment: Data Responses Set 1-R3 (revised and updated response to Data Request A6 - revised cumulative air quality impact assessment) (TN# 213472 docketed September 1, 2016); Additional Response to the Coastal Commission Comments (TN# 213478 docketed September 2, 2016). Project Owner also docketed a Response to August 29, 2016 Amended Committee Scheduling Order [Clutches] that provided further support as to why clutches are not required to be analyzed or incorporated into the Amended HBEP. (TN# 213492).

In addition to the foregoing, on September 27, 2016, Project Owner docketed a Motion For Order to Publish Final Staff Assessment requesting the Committee issue a revised scheduling order that requires Staff to publish the Final Staff Assessment on or before October 10, 2016. Given the urgency of the matter, Project Owner also requested that the Siting Committee set an expedited schedule for consideration of the Motion. As this Committee is aware, over a year has passed since the PTA was filed and three months have passed since Staff published the Preliminary Staff Assessment. More troubling, however, is that six weeks have passed since the August 19, 2016 Status Conference with no change or apparent progress in project schedule.

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As stated throughout this proceeding, the schedule for completion of the Amended HBEP PTA proceedings must include consideration of the PTA at a CEC Business Meeting scheduled before the end of 2016. Project Owner looks forward to the Committee pursuing an aggressive schedule and looks forward to the Committee's ruling on the pending Motion.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melissa A. Foster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Melissa A. Foster

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