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COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:)
) Docket No. 15-AFC-01
Application for Certification)
For the PUENTE POWER PROJECT)
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COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
CHARLES IMBRECHT HEARING ROOM
1516 9TH STREET,
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017
2:00 P.M.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

OCTOBER 11, 2017 3:08 P.M.

COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Okay, good afternoon everyone. This is Commissioner Janea Scott, the Presiding Member over the Puente Power Project, AFC.

We are sorry for the slightly late start. If you follow our Business Meetings, you saw that our Business Meeting has just adjourned and so that is why we're here right now, getting started with this.

Let me go through and we'll do the

1 introductions. I have just said that I am
2 Commissioner Janea Scott, the Presiding Member.

3 I am joined on my immediate right by
4 Hearing Officer Paul Kramer.

5 To his right I have Commissioner Karen
6 Douglas, who is the Associate Member.

7 And to her right are her two Advisors,
8 Jennifer Nelson and Le-Quyen Nguyen.

9 Let me now turn to the parties and see if
10 they would like to introduce themselves, starting
11 with the Applicant.

12 MR. PIANTKA: Hi, good afternoon. This is
13 George Piantka for the Applicant.

14 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Hi, good afternoon.
15 Energy Commission staff?

16 MS. CHESTER: This is Michelle Chester,
17 Staff Counsel, joined by Kerry Willis, Assistant
18 Chief Counsel, and Shawn Pittard, Deputy Director
19 of the STEP Division.

20 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Great. Good
21 afternoon.

22 Let me see whether or not we have any of
23 the Intervenors on the WebEx. We don't have any
24 in the room. And if I do have you on the line,
25 please just go ahead, Intervenors, and speak up

1 and introduce yourselves. We'll pause for a
2 moment.

3 (Pause)

4 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Okay, hearing none
5 let me turn to see whether we have any of the
6 others who have joined us throughout the
7 proceedings. If I have the California ISO, the
8 Coastal Commission, USGS, State or Federal
9 Wildlife Agencies, or any Tribal, Federal, State
10 or local officials who would like to introduce
11 themselves, please go ahead.

12 All right. I will also note that we have
13 two of our Public Advisers, Alana Mathews and
14 Rosemary Avalos here in the room with us.

15 And with that, I will turn the conduct of
16 the hearing over to our Hearing Officer, Paul
17 Kramer.

18 HEARING OFFICER KRAMER: Even iced tea is
19 too strong for me right now. Excuse me.

20 Okay, so going through the agenda we have
21 no pending motions, petitions or requests.

22 So, that brings us to public comment.
23 Let's unmute everyone, Ralph.

24 Does anyone wish to make a public comment
25 from the telephone?

1 Okay, hearing none anyone in the room?

2 No.

3 Okay, so we'll close public comment and
4 go into -- we're going to go into a closed
5 session. Let me see if we can pick a time to come
6 back.

7 (Pause)

8 HEARING OFFICER KRAMER: Okay, well this
9 time we came up with a range, 4:00 to 4:30. So,
10 no earlier than 4:00.

11 And we'll be back to -- I don't -- last
12 time I kind of said we weren't expecting anything
13 to report out and, obviously, that turned out a
14 little differently.

15 But this time we'll just say we're not
16 sure. Okay, very unlikely. But if there is
17 something remarkable that comes out, I can always
18 put a memo in the docket so that will let you
19 know.

20 So, with that we will adjourn to a closed
21 session pursuant to Government Code Section
22 11126(c)(3), which allows us to deliberate on a
23 decision we are required -- in a proceeding we
24 are required by law to conduct.

25 See you between 4:00 and 4:30.

1 (Closed Session convened at 3:12 p.m.)

2 (Public Session reconvened at 4:11 p.m.)

3 HEARING OFFICER KRAMER: Okay, this is
4 Paul Kramer. We're back on the record.

5 Are we good, Peter?

6 We have nothing to report out of the
7 closed session, except that we are going to be
8 continuing this Committee Conference to next
9 Wednesday, October 18, at 1:30 p.m., here at the
10 Energy Commission, with the room to be determined
11 later.

12 The usual suggestion to the parties and
13 the public that you not come to Sacramento
14 because this is primarily for the purpose of the
15 Committee deliberating in closed session, so the
16 public portion will be brief.

17 If you want to listen in, we recommend
18 that you use WebEx, as everybody seems to have
19 today.

20 So with that, we are adjourned. Thank
21 you.

22 (Off the record at 4:13 p.m.)

23 (On the record at 4:13 p.m.)

24 So to be clear, we are adjourned for
25 today, but the meeting, today's meeting is

1 continued until October 18.

2 (Thereupon, the Hearing was adjourned at
3 4:13 p.m.)

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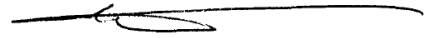
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