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Subject: EL SEGUNDO ENERGY CENTER PETITION TO AMEND, (00-AFC-14C) TO REPLACE UTILITY BOILER UNITS 3 AND 4 WITH NEW GENERATION UNITS 9, 10, 11 AND 12

STATUS REPORT 1 – OCTOBER 3

On August 28, 2013, the El Segundo Amendment Committee issued a “Scheduling Order” requiring status reports on October 3, 2013, December 3, 2013 and February 25, 2014. This status report responds to the Committee’s request.

Since the Informational Hearing and Site Visit on August 13, 2013, staff has filed Data Requests and the applicant has provided Data Responses. The applicant will file Data Response 87 (Phase 1 Site Assessment) later in October.

On October 1, 2013, a Data Request, Data Response and Issue Resolution Workshop was held. Energy Commission staff, the applicant and members of the public participated. The workshop covered topics in: Project Description, Alternatives, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Socioeconomics, Visual Resources, Visual Plume, and Waste Management. Staff was able to clarify information provided by the Data Responses in all the technical areas discussed. The applicant will be providing supplemental written Data Response clarifications in the coming weeks for Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, and Waste Management.

A discussion about nitrogen deposition took place with staff, the applicant and public. Topics included: existing base line conditions, what the base line condition may include from the power plant site, existing sensitive habitat, how air quality modeling should take place and what modeling software to use. The applicant will review the data request and provide any clarifications they might have in the coming weeks. The applicant is still objecting to the nitrogen deposition data requests, but will work with staff to see if there is a way to meet our data request needs.

Local residents Bob Perkins and Michelle Murphy were active participants in the workshop and are waiting for a determination on their intervenor status and have indicated they would have Data Requests. Staff and the applicant have indicated we would not oppose them becoming intervenors or having Data Requests.

The project is still on schedule, and the Preliminary Determination of Compliance is anticipated from the South Coast Air Quality Management District in November 2013.