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BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
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***APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE
REDONDO BEACH ENERGY PROJECT***

Docket No. 12-AFC-03

**ORDER AFTER STATUS CONFERENCE
DIRECTING THE FILING OF STATUS REPORTS
BY APRIL 24, 2015**

Background

On November 20, 2012, AES Southland, LLC (AES) submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission seeking permission to construct and operate a power generation facility, the Redondo Beach Energy Project (RBEP), located at 1100 North Harbor Drive, in the City of Redondo Beach, Los Angeles County. The site is southeast of the intersection of North Harbor Drive and Herondo Street. The project would be located entirely within the footprint of the existing AES Redondo Beach Generating Station, an operating power plant.

Energy Commission staff published the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) on July 28, 2014. Shortly before the PSA was published, the Redondo Beach Energy Project Committee¹ learned that AES had submitted the Harbor Village Plan Initiative petition to the City of Redondo Beach. The petition sought the approval of the electorate in Redondo Beach for a land use plan for the RBEP site as a mixed-use development of 600 new residences, 250 hotel rooms, and 85,000 square feet of commercial space.

On September 3, 2014, the Committee suspended the proceedings until April 1, 2015. During the suspension of the proceedings, Staff and all responsible agencies were to cease work on the AFC.

The Harbor Village Plan Initiative failed on March 3, 2015. Attorneys for AES requested that the Committee adopt a new schedule for the proceedings, effective on April 1, 2015, the date the suspension order expired by its own terms.

On April 10, 2015, the Committee conducted a status conference on the project. During that status conference, the Committee and the parties discussed issues relating to future activities on the case. Applicant requested an immediate re-start of the proceedings. Staff indicated that there was some updating of the PSA required on

¹ Energy Commissioners Karen Douglas, Presiding Member and Janea A. Scott, Associate Member. The full Commission made this Committee assignment on August 27, 2013.

topics such as air quality, visual resources, and cumulative impacts. Staff also indicated that it would need to meet and confer with the City of Redondo Beach on its land use laws, particularly a moratorium adopted on January 14, 2014. Regardless, Staff did not anticipate republishing the PSA, as updated information could be included in the Final Staff Assessment.

Intervenors City of Redondo Beach and City of Hermosa Beach also requested that the Committee provide additional time to analyze the project, including an extended comment period after workshops.

Andrew Lee from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), the entity responsible for determining the project's compliance with air quality rules and standards, also participated at the status conference. Mr. Lee stated that SCAQMD had resumed processing AES's application. Mr. Lee further indicated that it would be approximately two weeks before the SCAQMD determined whether a public hearing on the PDOC was required. If no public hearing is needed, the Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC) would be issued in about two months. However, if a public hearing is required, the FDOC would be delayed an additional four months, for a total of six months. The Committee requested that the SCAQMD update it on the requirements for a PDOC public hearing, if any, and by extension the schedule as a whole, by April 24, 2015.

Tom Luster of the California Coastal Commission was also present via phone at the status conference and indicated the Coastal Commission would be providing the report described in Public Resources Code section 30413, subdivision (d).

In response to questions from Mr. Luster and others, counsel for AES stated twice that the project to be pursued is that described in the Application for Certification and PSA and that the proposed project has no new features, including, but not limited to, battery storage or a water desalination plant.

Order

To aid the Committee in preparing a scheduling order that will help ensure the timely completion of the proceeding, the parties shall file status reports no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 24, 2015. The status reports shall include:

1. Any information regarding the scheduling of a public hearing by the SCAQMD on the PDOC/FDOC;
2. The status of efforts by staff to update any sections of the PSA;
3. The current timing and progress of any:
 - a. Meet and confer sessions with the City of Redondo Beach on the land use laws applicable to the project; and

- b. The scheduling of any workshop on the PSA.
- 4. Any other relevant matters to the Committee's attention.

In addition to filings by the parties in the proceeding, the Committee specifically requests that the SCAQMD submit a Status Report detailing its schedule and activities in relation to the PDOC/FDOC. The Committee also requests that the Coastal Commission provide a timeframe in which its section 30413(d) report may be received.

Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/redondo_beach/

It is so ordered.

Dated: April 16, 2015, at Sacramento, California.

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