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April 24, 2015

Honorable Commissioner Karen Douglas
Commissioner and Presiding Member
Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission

Honorable Commissioner Janea A. Scott
Commissioner and Associate Member
Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Application for Certification
Redondo Beach Energy Project (RBEP)
Facility Location: 1100 N. Harbor Dr., Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Dear Commissioners Douglas and Scott:

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) received permit applications from AES Southland, LLC (AES) for the subject project on November 27, 2012. SCAQMD Staff issued the Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) and the proposed revised Title V permit on June 13, 2014. During the public comment period for the PDOC and the proposed revised Title V permit, SCAQMD received two requests to hold a Title V Public Hearing for the RBEP and a number of comment letters. On August 20, 2014, AES requested that the SCAQMD suspend all permitting activities associated with the applications until March 31, 2015. On September 3, 2014, SCAQMD informed AES that SCAQMD has stopped processing of the applications and placed the applications on hold until March 31, 2015. On March 18, 2015, AES informed the SCAQMD that they will proceed with the permitting and licensing of RBEP and that AES is requesting to resume permitting activities at the California Energy Commission and with the SCAQMD immediately.

On April 10, 2015, the RBEP Application for Certification Committee conducted a status conference on the mentioned project. The Order indicated that the parties shall file status reports no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 24, 2015. The SCAQMD was requested to include any information regarding the scheduling of a public hearing on, and details on the schedule and activities relating to, the Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC)/Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC). Based on the Title V Public Hearing requests and other comments received by SCAQMD, as well as the expressed public interest in the RBEP permitting,

SCAQMD will hold a public meeting or consider holding a joint public meeting at the same time as the CEC's Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) Workshop to receive further input from interested parties. It is also SCAQMD's understanding that it is the CEC's intent to re-open the public comment period for the PSA and that the CEC's PSA 30-day comment period will proceed from the time of issuance of the committee's revised scheduling order.

SCAQMD anticipates completion of the FDOC within 30 days after the close of the comment period for the PSA, however, the timing may change depending on the extent and contents of the air quality related comments and public input received during the 30 days comment period for PSA and during the public meeting(s).

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (909) 396-2662, Mnazemi1@aqmd.gov.

Sincerely,



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