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) RE: Sequoia Data Center
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STATE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

COMMITTEE CONFERENCE AND
CLOSED SESSION

REMOTE

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020

1:33 P.M.

Reported by: Peter Petty

APPEARANCES

SITING COMMITTEE MEMBERS & ADVISORS:

Karen Douglas, Commissioner and Presiding Member
Kourtney Vaccaro, Advisor to Commissioner Douglas
Eli Harland, Advisor to Commissioner Douglas
Patty Monahan, Associate Commissioner
Jana Romero, Advisor to Associate Member Patty Monahan

CEC STAFF PRESENT:

Susan Cochran, Hearing Officer
Leonidas Payne, Project Manager
Noemi Gallardo, Public Advisors Office
Rosemary Avalos, Public Advisors Office

APPLICANT:

None Present

INTERVENORS:

None Present

PUBLIC AGENCIES:

None Present

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None Present

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 July 31, 2020

1:33 P.M.

3 COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: All right. Well -- so
4 welcome, everybody, this is the Committee Conference and
5 Closed Session for the Application for a Small Power Plant
6 Exemption for the Sequoia Backup Generating Facility.

7 I'm Karen Douglas, the presiding member of the
8 Committee assigned to conduct proceedings on the application.

9 Patty Monahan is the associate member. We are all
10 participating via teleconference. The notice of this
11 Committee Conference and closed session was issued on
12 July 16th, 2020.

13 Before we begin, I'd like to make introductions of
14 the following individuals who may be participating via
15 teleconference. Patty Monahan, Commissioner and associate
16 member. Jana Romero, her advisor. Kourtney Vaccaro and Eli
17 Harland, my advisors. Jim Bartridge, technical advisor to
18 the Commission on Siting Matters. Noemi Gallardo and
19 Rosemary Avalos, Public Advisors Office. And Susan Cochran,
20 hearing officer.

21 I would ask the parties to please introduce
22 themselves and their representatives at this time, starting
23 with the Applicant.

24 MS. COCHRAN: I do not see Mr. Galati's name, so he
25 may not be participating.

1 COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Got it. In that case, let's
2 go to staff.

3 MR. PAYNE: Lon Payne here for staff. And I may be
4 alone on the call today.

5 COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: All right. Excellent.

6 Intervenors, Robert Sarvey, are you on?

7 How about California Unions for Reliable Energy or
8 CURE?

9 All right. And are there any public agencies
10 besides the Energy Commission represented right now or are on
11 the phone right now?

12 Any Native American tribes, local government, state
13 or federal government agencies?

14 All right. Thank you.

15 Now Commissioner Monahan, would you like to make
16 any opening remarks?

17 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: No, but thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Absolutely. Okay. At this
19 time I'll hand over the conduct of this conference to Hearing
20 Officer Susan Cochran.

21 MS. COCHRAN: Thank you. As stated in the notice
22 for today's event, the primary purpose is for the Committee
23 to meet in closed session to deliberate.

24 Do the parties have any comments at this time?

25 MR. PAYNE: Staff has no comments. This is Lon

1 Payne.

2 MS. COCHRAN: Thank you, Mr. Payne.

3 Would any member of the public care to make any
4 comment to the Committee?

5 Ms. Avalos, has the Public Advisors Office received
6 any written comments on --

7 MS. AVALOS: There --

8 MS. COCHRAN: -- today's Committee Conference?

9 MS. AVALOS: There are no written comments at this
10 time.

11 MS. COCHRAN: Okay. Thank you very much.

12 With that, the Committee will now adjourn to the
13 closed session in accordance with California Government Code
14 Section 11126, subdivision (c) (3) which allows a state body,
15 including a delegated committee to hold a closed session to
16 deliberate on a decision to be reached in a proceeding the
17 state body was required by law to conduct.

18 We anticipate returning from closed session in
19 about two hours. So approximately 3:30.

20 And with that, we are in closed session.

21 Thank you.

22 (Off the record at 1:37 p.m.)

23 (On the record at 4:02 p.m.)

24 COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: All right. So we are back
25 on the record. This is Commissioner Douglas.

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