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Subject: **ALAMITOS ENERGY CENTER (13-AFC-01) STATUS REPORT 3**

On October 1, 2014, Alamos Energy Center (AEC) Committee Hearing Advisor Ken Celli issued a memo extending the filing date for the October Status Reports to November 1, 2014, and thereafter on the 15th of each month until the Final Staff Assessment (FSA) for the project is published. To date, neither the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) nor the FSA have been published, and this Status Report responds to the Committee's and Hearing Advisor's direction.

On November 5, 2014, AES was awarded a Power Purchase Agreement contract for the AEC, with different equipment, configuration, and fewer megawatts than the information submitted in the Application for Certification (AFC). AES is currently working toward filing a Supplemental Application for Certification (SAFC). Staff has been working with the applicant to coordinate an informal meeting to exchange information that staff would like to see in the SAFC, but was informed on December 2, 2014, that AES is not in a position to provide additional substantive information beyond that discussed at the November status conference, but expects to be in a better position to discuss the project after the New Year. AES suggests that we coordinate in January about scheduling such a meeting.

PSA Preparation

Staff is continuing to prepare PSA sections, such as Land Use, not affected by the future SAFC filing. However, technical staff that rely on reviewing the new SAFC information to complete their PSA sections, including Project Description, Air Quality, Hazardous Material Management, Traffic and Transportation and Worker Safety/Fire Protection, Alternatives, Waste Management, Public Health, will need to wait for that technical information. Since the previous status report on October 20, 2014, the applicant provided Data Responses to Data Requests Set 1C for Air Quality, numbers 17-18, on October 22, 2014. Staff agreed at the November Status Conference that any future outstanding data requests could be addressed in the SAFC.

Future Staff Workshops

No workshops are planned at this time. Staff is currently working with the Applicant to coordinate an informal meeting to discuss the revised project in January.

Developments That Could Impact the current and any future AFC Schedules

The SAFC filing date and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) process will play a key role in determining the publication schedule for the PSA.