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Subject: ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ALAMITOS ENERGY CENTER
APPLICANT'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE

On July 15, 2016, the project applicant for the Alamos Energy Center (AEC) filed its Status Report #20, along with a proposed AEC review schedule. While Commission Staff agrees the current Committee schedule needs to be updated, Staff does not agree that the applicant's proposed schedule is reasonable.

Staff is in the process of preparing for a workshop on the just published Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA). The workshop is scheduled for August 9th, pending receipt of written comments from the applicant identifying the sections and topics needing discussion at a workshop. In addition, the PSA is in a 30 day public comment period, which ends on August 12. The level of public participation at the workshop, the number of comments received on the PSA from the public, and the number of Conditions of Certification at issue with the project applicant will dictate the time staff needs to prepare the Final Staff Assessment (FSA), and the review project schedule moving forward.

Another factor influencing the schedule is the publication by the Air District of the Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC). The Preliminary DOC comment period ends August 22. Typically, Staff requires 30 days between publication of the FDOC and Staff's FSA. Depending on comments received by the Air District, the FDOC will be published after August 22nd. Staff may be able to complete the FSA in less than 30 days from publication of the FDOC depending on the scope of PDOC and PSA comments, and competing in-house workload and priorities.

Until the workshop is held any attempt to set a schedule would be premature. Staff requests the Committee maintain the current schedule until after the workshop set for August 9. Based on the level of public engagement and issue resolution with the project applicant, Staff will then submit a proposed schedule for the Committee to consider after the workshop.