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Subject: STATUS REPORT #12 FOR THE SAN JOSE CITY DATA CENTER SMALL POWER PLANT EXEMPTION (19-SPPE-04)

In its May 12, 2020 order (Committee Scheduling Order), the Committee ordered all parties to file and serve a Status Report on the 15th of each month, beginning with May 15, 2020.

Since staff filed Status Report #11 on February 16, 2021, staff has continued to work on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The public scoping meeting was held via Zoom on February 19, 2021. Staff from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the City of San Jose participated in the meeting.

According to the applicant's January 15, 2021 status report #10, the applicant anticipates submitting a traffic assessment by the end of May 2021. On March 1, 2021, staff received complete responses to data request 61 c and revised data request 63 with the applicant's filing, SJC02 Data Request Set 5A Responses (TN 236947). Staff had made an informal follow-up request to the applicant in response to the October 29, 2020 SJC02 Reconductored Transmission Line Revised Project Description (TN 235456). Staff requested more details on project objectives and alternatives considered, including specifics on how the applicant defines latency for the project and what reliability factor the applicant requires. Staff needs this information to continue preparing our alternatives analysis. The applicant noted this request in their February 15, 2021 status report #11 and had estimated filing a response by February 16, 2021. Staff awaits this information.

Staff continues to make progress on the EIR in those areas unaffected by the transportation impact study, and the information on alternatives and project objectives noted above. Staff currently remains on track to publish the draft EIR in accordance with the Committee's current scheduling order.