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Subject: STATUS REPORT #9 FOR THE CA3 BACKUP GENERATING FACILITY (CA3BGF) SMALL POWER PLANT EXEMPTION (21-SPPE-01)

The *Committee Scheduling Order* filed on October 6, 2021, orders "the parties to file a status report no later than the 20th of each month" for the purposes of "inform[ing] the Committee whether the case is progressing satisfactorily and bring potential delays and other relevant matters to the Committee's attention."

Following the CA3 Evidentiary Hearing conducted on May 27, 2022, staff has been working to incorporate revisions into the Air Quality section of the final environmental impact report (FEIR) to be placed into the record in response to the Committee's direction to provide a supplement. To alleviate confusion and clarify staff's position, staff has been working, in cooperation with the applicant, to provide data refinements as well as supplemental information to satisfy the Committee's concerns. The data refinements attempt to clarify to a greater degree the staff's analysis of impacts from all stationary sources within 1,000 feet as opposed to 2,000 feet, to provide better definitions of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's CEQA Guidelines' thresholds of significance, and to more fully explain the impacts on emissions associated with the Caltrain electrification.

As directed by the Committee, staff will coordinate with the applicant to submit a joint motion to move the updated analysis and supporting material into the record and close the hearing record without the need for any additional evidentiary hearings. This update to the analysis would not trigger recirculation under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15088.5. Staff believes this should allow the Committee to move forward with a proposed decision and place the matter on the July or August business meeting for consideration by the commission.