

Memorandum

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Subject : **CONTRA COSTA POWER PLANT UNIT 8 STATUS REPORT #6 – January, 2001**

The Contra Costa Power Project AFC Committee's June 20, 2000 scheduling order directed parties to file status reports concerning matters relevant to the schedule. This status report for January, 2001, is being filed pursuant to the Committee's order.

Key Events

Three key events occurred since our last status report, as described below:

- 1) Energy Commission Staff held workshops on the Preliminary Staff Assessment in Antioch on December 4, 6, 11, and 12, 2000. Participants included intervenors – CALifornians for Renewable Energy, Inc. (CARE), the Sportsmen Yacht Club, and CAP-IT – as well as members of the public. The workshops received both television and newspaper coverage due to the contentious nature of the first evening. The Sportsmen Yacht Club was well represented at all four workshops, and the majority of issues brought to staff's attention were related to those that could have impacts on the Yacht Club (which is directly adjacent to the proposed power plant). As a result of this input from workshop participants, staff is making revisions to the noise, biology, soil and water resources, and visual resources analyses.
- 2) In light of comments received at the workshops and in order to more fully evaluate the application for certification, staff issued additional data requests of the applicant on December 21. Staff requested data responses by January 20, but the applicant will likely request an extension.
- 3) Staff received written comments on the PSA from the applicant, CARE, the Sportsmen Yacht Club, the City of Antioch, and numerous members of the public. This is in addition to comments received the previous month from the Department of Water Resources, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and the Contra Costa Fire Protection District. Staff will address these comments in the Final Staff Assessment (FSA).

Schedule

In our last status report, we indicated our intention to file the FSA on January 19, 2001. A number of issues now stand in the way of completing the FSA by this date. In particular, staff cannot complete the FSA until the following information becomes available:

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- Applicant responses to the December 21 data request package – Southern Energy Delta has indicated that they are not likely to be able to meet the January 20 deadline, and has until January 5 to request an extension.
- The Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC) or a draft FDOC – the FDOC has been delayed and is expected to be available by the end of January.
- The National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit or a draft permit – the NPDES permit may not be complete until as late as May or June, but a draft is expected by the end of January.

Once these documents have been received, staff will need approximately two weeks to complete the FSA.

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