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Memorandum

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Subject : **BOTTLE ROCK GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANT (BRPP) PETITION TO AMEND (79-AFC-4C), STATUS REPORT NO. 1**

Data Requests

Staff published Data Request Set No. 1 (1–5) on June 28, 2013. On July 18, 2013, Bottle Rock Power, LLC, (BRP) filed its Objections to Staff's Data Requests, Set 1 (#1-5) and on July 29, 2013 BRP filed a partial Data Response and revised cost estimate. Based on BRP responses to date, staff does not intend to issue an additional data request at this time.

Staff Issues/Comments

1. Closure Cost Estimate

Staff is presently reviewing BRPP closure cost estimates ranging from 1996 to present, closure cost estimates for similar facilities, as well as other cost estimation models to provide a comparative analysis of costs and to better define the level of effort required for adequate BRPP decommissioning. Staff is also reviewing applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards; conditions unique to the Geysers Known Geothermal Resource Area; and BRP's compliance submittals to identify issues that may affect the costs of closure.

2. Financial Assurance Mechanism

Staff is currently researching options for a secure and accessible financial assurance mechanism to address an early closure scenario.

Staff Workshops

A workshop will be scheduled after the Staff Assessment has been published.

Schedule

There are no changes to the schedule provided in the Committee's June 28, 2013 Scheduling Order.

ACTIVITY	COMMITTEE SCHEDULE
Site Visit and Committee Conference	05-31-13
Data Requests Served	07-02-13
Bottle Rock Files Responses to Data Requests	07-29-13
Parties file Status Reports	08-09-13
Staff Assessment Filed	08-30-13
Staff Assessment Workshop	09-13-13*
Staff Assessment Comment Period Closes	09-20-13
Parties Submit Status Reports, Staff Reports Whether It Will File a Supplemental Staff Assessment	09-27-13
Supplemental Staff Assessment (if necessary) Filed	10-21-13
Parties Prehearing Statements Identifying Witnesses, Exhibits and Issues Filed	11-04-13
Committee Hearing	11-14-13*
Proposed Decision Issued	12-06-13*
Proposed Decision Considered at Commission Business Meeting	January 2014

*approximate data (actual date to be determined by staff or the Committee, as appropriate)

cc: Docket (79-AFC-4C)
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