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**BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
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***IN THE MATTER OF THE
EL SEGUNDO ENERGY CENTER
AMENDMENT***

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COMMITTEE SCHEDULING ORDER

Background

On April 23, 2013, El Segundo Energy Center, LLC (ESEC) submitted a Petition to Amend the California Energy Commission's February 2, 2005, Final Decision approving the El Segundo Energy Center. The ESEC recently completed construction and is operating. It is located within the footprint of the existing El Segundo Generating Station (ESGS) first established in the 1950s, inside the southernmost boundary of the city of El Segundo on the coast of the Pacific Ocean, between Dockweiler State Beach and the city of Manhattan Beach, in Los Angeles County.

The Petition to Amend proposes the demolition and replacement of ESGS utility boiler Units 3 and 4 with a new combined cycle generator, a steam turbine generator, and two simple-cycle gas turbines. Unit 3 was shut down on July 23, 2013 and Unit 4 is operating. The current Unit 4 use of seawater for once-through cooling will be eliminated. The petitioner, ESEC, LLC, has stated that additional proposed changes will upgrade and improve the ESEC's existing and approved site infrastructure and improve coastal access.

The Energy Commission assigned this Committee of two Commissioners to conduct proceedings on the amendment. The Committee held a public Site Visit, Environmental Scoping Meeting, and Informational Hearing in El Segundo on August 13, 2013, to discuss the review process and to identify issues that could affect the schedule.

Schedule

The attached Committee Schedule is based on Staff's proposed schedule and related discussions at the Informational Hearing. The Committee may modify the schedule at any time upon either its own motion or that of a party. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1709.7 (c).)

Status Reports and Status Conferences

The attached schedule requires status reports to be submitted by all parties. Those status reports shall inform the Committee whether or not case development is progressing satisfactorily, and bring potential schedule delays and other relevant matters to the Committee's attention.

The reports shall be received by the Commission's Docket Unit, 1516 Ninth Street, MS-4, Sacramento, California 95814-5512, **no later than 3:00 p.m.** on the due date. The Energy Commission has implemented an electronic filing system and encourages its use in lieu of the current e-mail or mailing of paper documents filing methods; a link to the e-filing system is found on the project web page, whose address is given below. Status reports must contain "Docket No. 00-AFC-14C" in the caption or heading.

Formality of Hearings

The Committee intends to conduct the hearings on Staff's assessment and recommendations using an informal procedure. The parties will identify witnesses and exhibits prior to the hearing. During the hearing, all of the witnesses for a topic will be seated as a panel to answer questions from the parties and the Committee. While a question can be directed to a particular witness in the first instance, the other panelists may also answer the question if they choose. Panelists may also ask questions of each other. This format has been effective in recent cases, providing a more coherent discussion of the issues that is easier to follow for the parties, public and the Committee. The Committee reserves the right to convert to a more formal process for any issues.

Public Adviser and Public Participation

The Energy Commission invites members of the public and other interested parties to participate either on an informal basis or by intervening in the proceeding. Both types of participation allow written and oral comments. At the informal participation level, written and oral public comments are considered by the Commissioners and are part of the record, but are not part of the formal evidentiary record. Intervenors have the right to introduce evidence into the evidentiary record and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses.

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office is available to provide the public with an understanding of a proceeding and to make recommendations for meaningful participation. For assistance, contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or (800) 822-6228 or e-mail at: publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

Contact Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Paul Kramer, the Chief Hearing Adviser, at (916) 654-5103, or e-mail at: paul.kramer@energy.ca.gov.

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Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Media and Public Communications at (916) 654-4989, or e-mail at: mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/elsegundo_amendment/2013_amendment/.

If you would like to receive e-mail notifications about project related meetings and documents, sign up on the listserve at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/>.

Dated: August 28, 2013, at Sacramento, California.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

KAREN DOUGLAS
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**COMMITTEE SCHEDULE
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ACTIVITY	DATE
Staff Data Requests Served	8-9-13 - 8-12-13
Site Visit and Informational Hearing	8-13-13
Data Request Workshop (if necessary)	Late August
ESEC Files Responses to Data Requests	Mid September
Data Response and Issue Resolution Workshop	Late September
Parties file Status Reports	10-3-13
California Coastal Commission files comments	November
South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) files Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC)	November
Parties file Status Reports	12-3-13
Staff publishes Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA)	PDOC + 30 days
Preliminary Staff Assessment Workshop	PSA + 20 days*
PSA Public Comment Period ends	PSA + 30 days
Parties file Status Reports	2-25-14
SCAQMD files Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC)	April, 2014
Staff publishes Final Staff Assessment (FSA)	FDOC + 30 days
Parties file Prehearing Statements Identifying Witnesses, Exhibits, and Contested Issues	Tbd
Prehearing Conference	Tbd
Evidentiary Hearing	Tbd
Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD) Issued for 30 day comment period	8 weeks after hearings
Committee PMPD Conference (near end of PMPD comment period)	Tbd
Errata or Revised PMPD issued (if necessary)	Tbd
PMPD Considered for adoption at Energy Commission Business Meeting	Tbd

Tbd – to be determined

* – approximate date