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**Re: Huntington Beach Energy Project (12-AFC-02)
Applicant's Status Report (November 1, 2013)**

Dear Commissioners and Hearing Adviser Cochran:

Applicant AES Southland Development, LLC submits this Status Report for the Huntington Beach Energy Project ("HBEP") pursuant to the direction set forth in the Committee's Second Revised Committee Scheduling Order dated July 31, 2013. Since Applicant's October 1, 2013 Status Report was docketed, Applicant has submitted revised air modeling, which was also sent to the South Coast Air Quality Management District. (See CEC TN #200949.) As of this correspondence, Applicant is finalizing updated responses to Staff's Data Requests, Sets, 1B, 4, and 5 (relating to Biological Resources (#23-26), Air Quality (#103-106), and Public Health (#107-109)). Applicant anticipates submitting such responses on Monday, November 4, 2013.

Staff published the Preliminary Staff Assessment ("PSA"), Part A on October 10, 2013. Applicant is preparing comments related thereto and will docket such comments on or before the deadline.

As indicated in all of Applicant's Status Reports, the only concern Applicant continues to reiterate is that the HBEP proceeding is moving far too slowly. HBEP is a critical project needed to maintain reliability in the Los Angeles Basin. Applicant cannot stress enough that it has



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committed significant resources toward the permitting and development of the project and remains committed to constructing and operating HBEP. However, the CEC process must move more quickly toward a Final Decision in order for Applicant to meet key milestones. To that end, Applicant looks forward to the Staff Workshop on the PSA (Part A), tentatively scheduled to occur in mid-November, 2013 as well as the publication of Part B of the PSA.

Respectfully submitted,

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