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REPLACE UTILITY BOILER UNITS 3 AND 4 WITH NEW GENERATION UNITS 9,

10, 11 AND 12

STATUS REPORT 2 - DECEMBER 3

On August 28, 2013, the El Segundo Amendment Committee issued a "Scheduling Order" requiring status reports on October 3, 2013, December 3, 2013 and February 25, 2014. This status report responds to the Committee's request.

Since the October 3, 2013 Status Report, Energy Commission staff have been working on their technical sections for the Preliminary Staff Assessment. The project owner has been providing clarifications to data requests and providing additional supplemental data responses to address any outstanding concerns or questions.

The project owner is working on providing the following information:

Air Quality

The South Coast Air Quality Management District is currently working on the Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC). The project owner provided the air district additional combined-impact analysis modeling files on November 7, 2013. The District has not indicated when the PDOC would become available. Staff will docket the PDOC when it becomes available.

The project owner is also working on providing responses to staff's clarification requests regarding construction emission estimation and cumulative analysis for other pollutants. The project owner also revised the cumulative NO₂ modeling in the response to the District's comments. Staff expects the same revisions will be made in the cumulative analysis that is going to be submitted to the Energy Commission.

Biological Resources

The project owner is working on providing information requested in Data Request 61 for potential noise and vibration impacts on roosting bat species and other special status species potentially occurring on site or nearby.

The project owner is also working on providing information for Nitrogen Deposition that was requested in Data Requests 57, 58, 59 and 60. The type of information needed was clarified at the Data Response Workshop on October 1, 2013.

<u>Cultural Resources</u>

The project owner previously provided information for Data Requests 70 – 82. At the October 1, 2013, Data Response Workshop, staff asked for clarifications and additional information. The project owner is currently working on clarifying the type, depth and horizontal extent of previous excavations in the proposed project area (modification), mapping previous site excavations, and providing the depth and extent of excavation required to build/install the new proposed facilities. The project owner is also providing an updated records search for previous cultural resource studies and recorded cultural resources.

Socioeconomics

The project owner is working on providing staff information requested in Data Request 85 for community benefits. The applicant previously identified this information as confidential. Staff has requested this information be made available for the staff analysis. The project owner is also working on providing information on franchise gas fees paid to the city of El Segundo.

Schedule

The proposed PDOC was not issued in November and the schedule will slip accordingly. Staff still anticipates a Preliminary Staff Assessment published 30 days after the PDOC is made available. Staff will make sure the El Segundo Committee is apprised of any further information that could impact the current schedule.