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Commissioner

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Monica Rudman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Edward Mainland (via telephone)

James Stewart (via telephone)

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014

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4 HEARING OFFICER COCHRAN: Good afternoon.

5 This is Susan.

6 I'm sorry.

7 We're going to be starting now.

8 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Maybe I can have a
9 microphone over here.

10 HEARING OFFICER COCHRAN: Sure. I think it will
11 reach.

12 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Greetings everyone.

13 How many people do we have on here?

14 HEARING OFFICER COCHRAN: Three.

15 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Just a few. Okay.

16 Welcome to the

17 Huntington Beach Energy Project Committee Meeting.

18 This is a closed session, but of course, as a
19 notice of session, there's a chance for public comment.

20 I'm Andrew McAllister. I'm the lead commissioner
21 on HBEP case (verbatim).

22 Let's see. I won't go around the room here.

23 At this point, I'll consider the hearing -- the
24 committee meeting open and pass it to Susan Cochran, the
25 hearing officer.

1 HEARING OFFICER COCHRAN: Thank you very much.

2 We're here today to meet on the
3 Huntington Beach Energy Project.

4 The agenda is divided into four parts.
5 Commissioner McAllister has already opened the meeting.

6 We'll now take public comments.

7 At that point, there will be a closed session,
8 and finally, the meeting will open again in open session
9 to announce the conclusion of the closed session and
10 adjourn (verbatim).

11 I see we have a few folks on the line. I
12 recognize Melissa Foster who is counsel for AES Southland,
13 the applicant.

14 Ms. Foster, do you have any comments that you'd
15 like to share with the committee at this time?

16 ATTORNEY FOSTER: I do not. I'm just monitoring
17 the public comment.

18 HEARING OFFICER COCHRAN: Thank you very much.

19 We have two call-in users who are not identified.

20 What I'm going to do is I'm going to mute
21 call-in user five so that, if someone could identify
22 themselves, we'll know who you are.

23 MR. MAINLAND: My name is Edward Mainland, and
24 I'm a ratepayer in PG&G territory from Novato, California.

25 HEARING OFFICER COCHRAN: Mr. Mainland, could you

1 spell your last name for us, please?

2 MR. MAINLAND: M-a-i-n-l-a-n-d.

3 HEARING OFFICER COCHRAN: Thank you very much.

4 Did you have any comments that you wish to offer
5 today?

6 MR. MAINLAND: Yes, I do.

7 My comments are as follows:

8 I'd like to, first of all, call the Commission's
9 attention to a filing by James Stewart on October 24th
10 that lays out ten reasons why this energy project should
11 not be approved (verbatim).

12 Among the ten reasons I'd like to highlight are
13 the facts that it is totally illogical at a time when
14 we're trying to reduce greenhouse gases to put more dirty
15 fuel, gas-fired plants onto the grid.

16 There are alternatives, and the alternatives are
17 a whole suite of new energy-paradigm solutions --
18 efficiency, conservation, storage, demand reduction, CHP,
19 smart web, microgrids (verbatim). These tools are coming
20 along rapidly. They are affordable. They are now
21 competitive. They will be demonstrated as implementable
22 and usable and reliable in short order certainly within a
23 few years of the construction of this plant, which will
24 become obsolete and a burden to ratepayers (verbatim).

25 The other thing -- the final thing I'd like to

1 note is that in consideration of this plant the whole
2 problem of methane leakage hasn't been addressed --
3 methane leakage in the production of natural gas, the
4 distribution of the natural gas, and the use of the
5 natural gas in this plant -- so there are alternatives
6 available, and you haven't looked at all the drawbacks
7 that this plant will make.

8 Thank you very much.

9 HEARING OFFICER COCHRAN: Thank you very much.

10 I'm now going to mute you, and I am unmuting the
11 other call-in user.

12 Other call in user, do you have any comments that
13 you'd like to offer to the committee today?

14 MR. STEWART: Yes.

15 This is Jim Stewart.

16 I wanted to ask if the commissioners will have a
17 chance to consider the comments that I submitted on
18 Friday, and also, I wanted to call attention to the fact
19 that I did submit just an hour ago some support for one of
20 the comments that I made about the Cal ISO peak load. I
21 submitted the Cal ISO data chart which shows that, indeed,
22 there's been a decline in the peak load in California over
23 the past eight years since 2006 and that the Cal ISO peak
24 load is the same now as it was in 1998 and the
25 commission -- the proposed decision says that there's

1 expected to be more growth in electricity because of
2 increased economic and population growth, and I did the
3 calculation. There's been a 16 percent population growth
4 increase in California since 1998. If the electricity
5 peak demands we're tracking -- the increase in population
6 growth -- it would be 16 percent higher (verbatim). That
7 is flat. I didn't do the calculation on how much economic
8 growth has been in the last 16 years since 1998, but it's
9 probably -- our GNP has doubled or something like that
10 (verbatim).

11 Clearly, what is so exciting about this is the
12 success, and I got to compliment the CEC on all of its
13 amazing energy-efficiency regulations that you guys have
14 been putting in over the last 16 years. They're working;
15 therefore, as the previous speaker said, there's no need
16 for this plant. We could save huge amounts of general --
17 greenhouse gases if we used the readily available and
18 economically beneficial and environmentally sound
19 alternatives.

20 HEARING OFFICER COCHRAN: Thank you very much.
21 I'm going to mute you again.

22 Is there anyone in the room who would like to
23 offer public comment?

24 INTERVENOR RUDMAN: All right.

25 I'll do it.

1 Can you hear me?

2 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Yes.

3 INTERVENOR RUDMAN: I'm a little far from the
4 microphone.

5 This is Monica Rudman.

6 I grew up in Huntington Beach, lived there most
7 of my teen years until I went away to college and then
8 occasionally went back, and my mother still lives there;
9 so I have an interest in Huntington Beach. I also work as
10 an energy specialist at the Energy Commission but do not
11 represent the Energy Commission in this.

12 Again, I urge the committee to consider my
13 testimony and evidence that I submitted, and I believe
14 this demonstrates that this project is really not a good
15 outcome for the people of Huntington Beach, and so I
16 really urge you to take a look at that.

17 In addition, I proposed some conditions of
18 certification in my response to the presiding members'
19 proposed decision that I think would be helpful in
20 mitigating the impacts, and I urge you to consider those
21 as well.

22 Thank you.

23 HEARING OFFICER COCHRAN: Thank you.

24 Anyone else?

25 Staff?

1 STAFF COUNSEL BELL: Nothing on behalf of staff.

2 Thank you.

3 HEARING OFFICER COCHRAN: At this point, we will
4 adjourn to closed session.

5 We are in closed session.

6 Thank you very much.

7 (ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION 2:09 P.M.)

8 HEARING ADVISOR COCHRAN: The Committee has
9 adjourned from closed session; the time is now 3:50.

10 (WHEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:50 P.M.)

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Dated: October 27, 2014