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## RE: ALAMITOS ENERGY CENTER (13-AFC-01) STATUS REPORT

In response to requests from the Committee and Hearing Officer, we are submitting this Status Report on our activities as an intervenor.

It is our understanding AES will be submitting a Supplemental Application for Certification (SAFC) including significant changes from the original AFC.

During the Status Conference on December 16, 2014, we were informed that the new project proposal would be a reduction in generation capacity, and that a detailed SAFC would be available in the fall of 2015 to formalize that new application to the Commission.

In the meantime, AES envisions a process wherein they will be informally communicating with staff to better define the project, agree on a scope of work that can continue despite the lack of a detailed SAFC, and at some point re-start the formal public process. AES suggested that, when the time was ripe, the process would include participation by intervenors and the broader public.

Prior to the December 16 Status Conference, we had begun outreach to expert consultants from several disciplines to assist us in evaluating and commenting on the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) when it was available. It is our understanding that engaging experts at that point in the process would economize our efforts and the time of Commission staff, while ensuring meaningful participation.

Given the announcement that a SAFC is forthcoming, we have postponed any further outreach to consultants. Nonetheless, we are willing and available to continue participating in any pre-filing process as this Committee sees fit.

Finally, members of the community have contacted us regarding the possibility of the Applicant re-purposing the Cooling Water Intake System (CWIS). We have declined to comment. However, to help us in our efforts to keep the community informed, we would appreciate any updated information regarding the proposal to continue operation of the CWIS.

Sincerely,

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