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***APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE
REDONDO BEACH ENERGY PROJECT***

Docket No. 12-AFC-03

**COMMITTEE SCHEDULING ORDER;
ORDER REGARDING THE FILING OF RECORD OF
CONVERSATION**

Background

On November 20, 2012, AES Southland, LLC (AES) submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission seeking permission to construct and operate a power generation facility, the Redondo Beach Energy Project (RBEP), located at 1100 North Harbor Drive, in the City of Redondo Beach, Los Angeles County. The site is southeast of the intersection of North Harbor Drive and Herondo Street. The project would be located entirely within the footprint of the existing AES Redondo Beach Generating Station, an operating power plant.

RBEP is a proposed natural-gas fired, combined-cycle, air-cooled, gross-generating 511-megawatt (MW)/net-generating 496 MW facility that would replace the existing and still operational AES Redondo Beach Generating Station. RBEP will consist of one power block composed of three natural gas combustion turbine generators (CTG), three supplemental-fired heat recovery steam generators (HRSG), a steam turbine generator (STG), an air-cooled condenser, and ancillary facilities. RBEP will also include natural gas compressors, water treatment facilities, emergency services, and administration and maintenance buildings. The existing Redondo Beach Generating Station Units 1 through 8 and auxiliary boiler no. 17 will be demolished as part of the project.

Energy Commission staff published the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) on July 28, 2014. Shortly before the PSA was published, the RBEP Committee¹

¹ The Energy Commission assigned a Committee of two Commissioners to conduct proceedings on the AFC: Energy Commissioners Karen Douglas, Presiding Member, and Janea A. Scott, Associate Member. The full Commission made this Committee assignment on August 27, 2013.

learned that AES had submitted the Harbor Village Plan Initiative petition to the City of Redondo Beach. The petition sought the approval of the electorate in Redondo Beach for a land use plan for the RBEP site as a mixed-use development of 600 new residences, 250 hotel rooms, and 85,000 square feet of commercial space.

On September 3, 2014, the Committee suspended the proceedings until April 1, 2015. During the suspension of the proceedings, Staff and all responsible agencies were to cease work on the AFC. On March 3, 2015, the initiative failed. AES submitted a letter on March 20, 2015, asking that the Committee issue a new scheduling order. Instead, the Committee set the matter for a status conference on April 10, 2015.

During the April 10, 2015, status conference, the Committee and the parties discussed issues relating to future activities on the case. The Committee directed the filing of status reports by the parties by April 24, 2015, on potential scheduling in the matter. The Committee also requested input from the California Coastal Commission and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) on the timing of their respective responsibilities and roles in the processing of the RBEP.

Several parties requested that the Committee delay restarting the proceedings because of the suspension. As was stated at the April 10, 2015, status conference, the suspension expired on April 1, 2015, thus allowing the parties to restart their activities on the RBEP.

Staff indicated during the April 10, 2015, status conference that it needed additional information on some topics because of the passage of time since publication of the PSA. However, contrary to some parties' request, we see no need to republish the PSA. We do agree that a new 30-day comment period on the PSA is required. The attached schedule thus starts a new 30-day comment period on May 5, 2015. The staff workshop on the PSA is also to occur before May 27, 2015. Any new or additional information received should be reflected in the Final Staff Assessment (FSA).

Based on the filings by the parties, the Coastal Commission, and SCAQMD, the Committee has prepared the attached schedule. The schedule contains a list of events that must occur in order to complete the certification process. This initial schedule covers the period through the issuance of the FSA.

The Committee recognizes that the timing of future events is subject to input from both SCAQMD and the Coastal Commission, as well as reviews to be conducted by other federal, state, and local agencies. The importance of the role of Coastal Commission and SCAQMD to our process cannot be understated. Public

Resources Code section 30413(d) requires the Coastal Commission to participate and prepare a report with specific findings and recommendations relating to the suitability of the proposed project. During the April 24, 2015, status conference, the representative of the Coastal Commission indicated such a report would be forthcoming. The Coastal Commission's April 24, 2015, status letter indicated it would need between 60 and 90 days after the publication of the PSA (or modified PSA) to submit its 30413(d) report.²

Similarly, the issuance of the Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC) by the SCAQMD is important to the FSA's analysis of the project's potential impacts on air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and public health.

Given the need for timely receipt of findings and determinations from the Coastal Commission and SCAQMD, the attached schedule shows the normal interval in siting cases, as well as the Committee's schedule in this proceeding. We have provided additional time between the end of the new comment period on the PSA and the publication of the FSA so that the FDOC from the SCAQMD and the 30413(d) report from the Coastal Commission will be received and can be incorporated into the FSA.

Because of the complexities involved in resolving these issues, the parties are hereby notified that 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, subd. (c).)

Status Reports and Status Conferences

The attached schedule requires status reports to be submitted by all parties. 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 Committee further requests that the SCAQMD and the California Coastal Commission file status reports in the event that the timing of completion of their respective tasks falls outside the usual intervals identified in the attached schedule.

The reports shall be **filed with the Commission's Docket Unit and served no later than 3:00 p.m.** on the due date. The Commission's Docket Unit is located at 1516 Ninth Street, MS-4, Sacramento, California, 95814-5512. The Energy Commission has implemented an electronic filing system and requires its use in lieu of the e-mail or mailing of paper documents filing methods; a link to the e-

² TN 204364.

filing system is found on the project web page, whose address is given below. Status reports must contain "Docket No. 12-AFC-03" in the caption or heading.

Record of Conversation of Meet and Confer Session between Energy Commission Staff and the City of Redondo Beach

In its status report filed on April 24, 2015, the Energy Commission staff indicated that it would be holding a conference with the City of Redondo Beach on land use compatibility issues and the project's conformity with local laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards on April 29, 2015. The Applicant, in a letter filed on April 27, 2015, requested that we order that the April 29, 2015, conference be open to the public.

Because of the interest in the issue of compatibility of the proposed use with the City's land use laws, we hereby **ORDER** that the staff file a Record of Conversation regarding the points of discussion and any changes, modifications, or analyses arising from the April 29, 2015. Staff shall file the Record of Conversation no later than May 11, 2015.

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 Alana Mathews, the Public Adviser, 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 Susan Cochran, the Hearing Adviser, at (916) 654-3965, or e-mail: susan.cochran@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.

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in the proceeding, please contact Lourdes Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 or e-mail at: lou.quiroz@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/redondo_beach/.

Dated: May 4, 2015, at Sacramento, California.

Original signed by
KAREN DOUGLAS
Commissioner and Presiding Member
Redondo Beach Energy Project AFC Committee

Original signed by
JANE A. SCOTT
Commissioner and Associate Member
Redondo Beach Energy Project AFC Committee

**SCHEDULING ORDER
FOR THE
REDONDO BEACH ENERGY PROJECT**

ACTIVITY	USUAL INTERVAL	SCHEDULE
Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) Published		July 28, 2014
PSA New Comment Period Commences		May 4, 2015
PSA New Comment Period Closes		May 29, 2015
Preliminary Staff Assessment Workshop	3 weeks after PSA filed	No later than May 27, 2015
Status Reports		On or before the 1 st of each month, commencing June 1, 2015
SCAQMD Issues Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC)	TBD	TBD
Final Staff Assessment Published (FSA)	60 days after PSA filed	August 27, 2015
All Parties File Opening Testimony	4 weeks after the FSA is filed	September 25, 2015**
All Parties File Rebuttal Testimony	5 weeks after the FSA is filed	October 2, 2015**
All Parties File Prehearing Conference Statements with Exhibit Lists	6 weeks after the FSA is filed	October 9, 2015**
Last day to file Petition to Intervene	30 days before EH	
Prehearing Conference (PHC)	7 weeks after the FSA is filed	Week of October 19, 2015**
Evidentiary Hearings (EH)	2 weeks after PHC	Week of November 2, 2015**

All Parties File Opening Briefs	2 weeks after EH transcripts are published	
All Parties File Reply Briefs	3 weeks after EH transcripts are published	
Committee Files Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD)	9 weeks after EH	
Committee Conference on PMPD	3 weeks after PMPD filed	
Close of Public Comment Period on PMPD	30 Days after PMPD filed	
Committee Files Errata or Revised PMPD (if necessary)	TBD*	
Energy Commission Final Decision	TBD*	

*TBD = To Be Determined

** All dates after publication of the FSA are subject to further revision, pending receipt of the FDOC, the California Coastal Commission section 30415 report, and other required or requested analyses by other federal, state, and local agencies.