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Application for Certification for the
REDONDO BEACH ENERGY PROJECT

Docket No. 12-AFC-03

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ON THE
PRELIMINARY STAFF ASSESSMENT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Energy Commission Committee¹ (Committee) assigned to conduct proceedings on the Application for Certification (AFC) for the Redondo Beach Energy Project (RBEP) has scheduled a public Committee Conference to review the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA), to discuss the schedule for the proceedings, and to consider any then-pending motions or petitions on:

Wednesday, August 5, 2015
Beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room (Hearing Room A)

The above-scheduled meeting will be held at:

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Map Attached)



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¹ Energy Commissioners Karen Douglas, Presiding Member, and Janea A. Scott, Associate Member. The full Commission made this Committee assignment on August 27, 2013.

Background

On November 20, 2012, AES Southland, LLC (AES) submitted the AFC to the California Energy Commission seeking permission to construct and operate a power generation facility, the 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.

Energy Commission staff published the PSA on July 28, 2014. Shortly before the PSA was published, the Committee learned that AES had submitted an initiative petition to the city of Redondo Beach. The initiative 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. During the pendency of the election on that initiative petition, work on the AFC was suspended until April 1, 2015.

On March 3, 2015, the initiative failed. AES submitted a letter on March 20, 2015, asking that work resume on the AFC and seeking a new scheduling order from the Committee. The Committee held a status conference on April 10, 2015, to discuss the status of the application and to hear from the parties and the public on the scheduling of future activities in the case.

On May 5, 2015, the Committee filed a Scheduling Order and Order Regarding the Filing of Record of Conversation.² A Revised Scheduling Order was filed on May 8, 2015.³ Under the Revised Scheduling Order, Energy Commission staff was directed to file its Final Staff Assessment (FSA) no later than September 4, 2015.

In the months since the Revised Scheduling Order was issued, Energy Commission staff, the California Coastal Commission (Coastal Commission), and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (the District), and other parties have continued to work toward the issuance of the FSA. As noted in the May 5, 2015, Scheduling Order and the May 8, 2015, Revised Scheduling Order, the District and the Coastal Commission determinations are essential to the complete review and analysis of this project.

Air Quality:

On June 25, 2015, the District conducted a public meeting⁴ on the Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) for RBEP. The City of Redondo Beach, an intervenor in this proceeding, has objected to the method by which the District provided notice of the meeting, as well as various substantive issues it feels need to be

² TN 204496.

³ TN 204536.

⁴ Notice of this meeting may be found in the Energy Commission's Redondo Beach Docket as TN 205059.

addressed before the District may issue the Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC).⁵

On June 30, 2015, the District informed the Committee that the FDOC would likely be published within 30 days after the June 25, 2015, public meeting. However, the District also indicated that the timing for issuance of the FDOC could change based on the extent and contents of the air quality related comments and public input received.⁶ Therefore, the current FDOC filing date and the balance of the schedule for preparation of the FSA, is uncertain and still in progress.

Coastal Commission Section 30413(d) Report:

On July 8, 2015, the Coastal Commission held a public hearing in Ventura, California to consider the Coastal Act section 30413(d) report on RBEP. At that time, the Coastal Commission unanimously voted to send the section 30413(d) report to the Energy Commission.⁷

The Coastal Commission's section 30413(d) report identifies areas in which it believes the PSA requires additional analysis, including alternatives; land use; wetlands; biological resources; and flooding, tsunamis, and sea level rise. Underlying the discussion of these sections, particularly alternatives, is a request that the Energy Commission consider the "need" for the project.

The Coastal Commission has also recommended certain coastal zone impact mitigation measures. By law, the Energy Commission must adopt these measures unless it finds that these measures are (1) infeasible or (2) that the proposed mitigation would cause greater environmental impacts.⁸

Closed Sessions

The Committee may temporarily adjourn into closed session to deliberate pursuant to Government Code section 11126.

Public Participation and Public Adviser

Members of the public are welcome to attend and offer comments at the Committee Conference. It is not necessary to be an intervenor to participate in the public process. Comments may be submitted in writing. Simply visit the website at

http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/redondo_beach/

and click on the "Submit e-Comment" link in the "Original Proceeding" box. Otherwise, written comments may be submitted by e-mailing them to docket@energy.ca.gov, or

⁵ TN 205189.

⁶ TN 205192.

⁷ TN 205306.

⁸ Cal. Pub. Resources Code § 25523, subd. (b).

by U.S. Mail to: California Energy Commission - Docket Unit, 12-AFC-03, 1516 Ninth Street, MS-4, Sacramento, CA 95814.

PLEASE NOTE: Your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, e-mail, etc.) become part of the viewable public record. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and other search engines.

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office is available to provide the public with an understanding of the proceedings and to make recommendations for meaningful participation. For assistance, contact Alana Mathews, Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or (800)822-6228, or by e-mail at: publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in this event, contact Lourdes Quiroz no less than five days prior to the hearing at (916) 654-5146, or by e-mail at: lou.quiroz@energy.ca.gov.

Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Susan Cochran, Hearing Adviser, at (916) 654-3965, or by e-mail at: susan.cochran@energy.ca.gov.

Technical questions about the project should be addressed to Keith Winstead, Staff Project Manager, at (916) 654-5191, or by e-mail at keith.winstead@energy.ca.gov.

Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Media and Public Communications at (916) 654-4989 or by e-mail at: mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

Information regarding the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents pertaining to this proceeding, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/redondo_beach/.

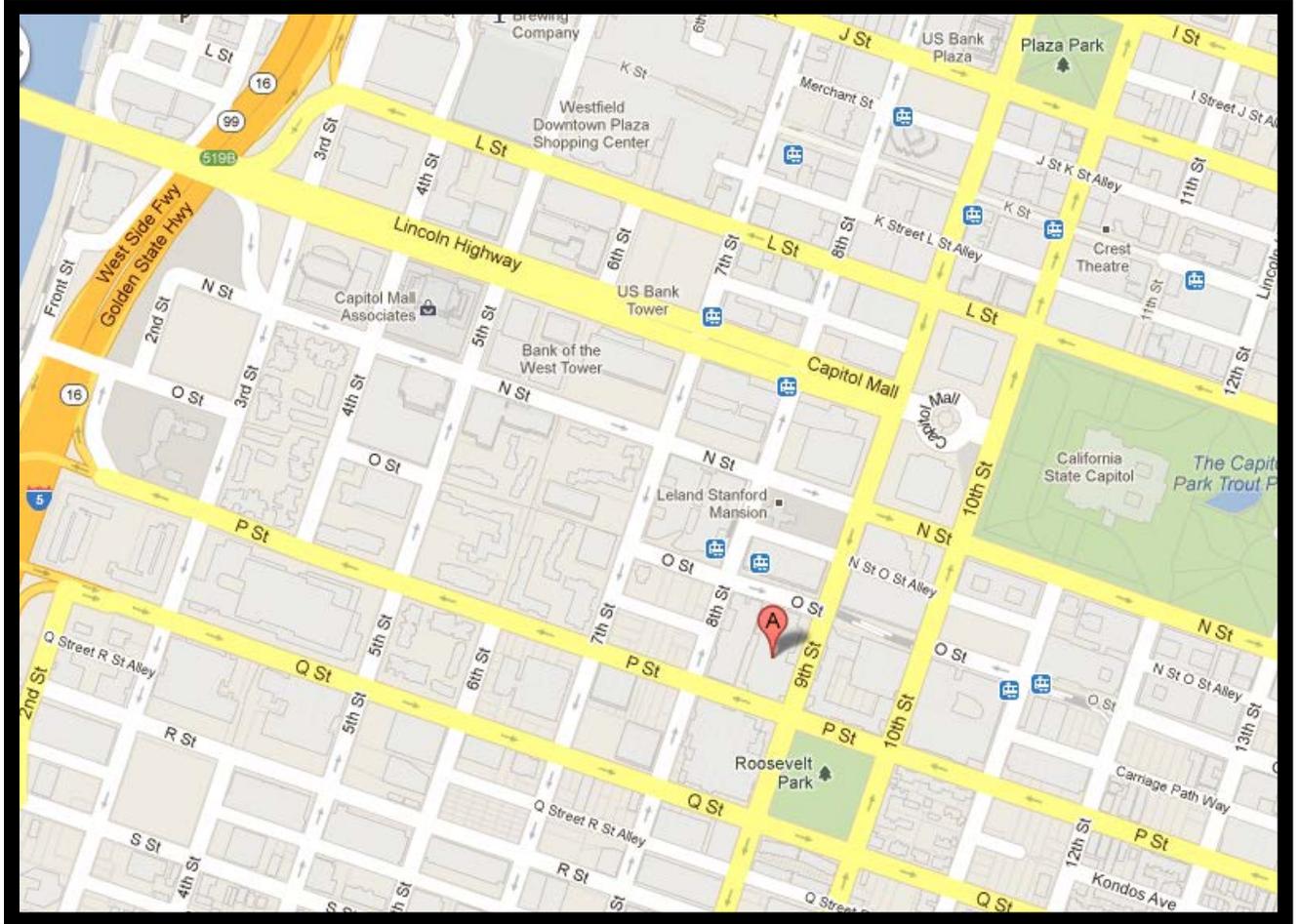
Dated: July 21, 2015, at Sacramento, California.

Original Signed By:

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

Mailed to lists 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D

**The Redondo Beach Energy Project AFC Committee Conference
On the Preliminary Staff Assessment
will be located at:
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Sacramento, CA 95814**





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**Redondo Beach Energy Project
Committee Conference
On the Preliminary Staff Assessment**

**California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**Wednesday, August 5, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room (Hearing Room A)**

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Hearing on Any Pending Motions
3. Committee Conference
 - a. Case progress and schedule
4. Public Comment

Members of the public and other interested persons and entities may speak up to three minutes on a matter appearing on this agenda.

5. Closed Session

Committee closed session consideration of the following items:

Redondo Beach Energy Project AFC (12-AFC-03) and deliberation on matters for decision by the Committee such as pending motions and scheduling.

The Committee will adjourn to closed session in accordance with Government Code, section 11126, subdivision (c)(3), which allows a state body, including a delegated committee, to hold a closed session to deliberate on a decision to be reached in a proceeding the state body was required by law to conduct. The Committee may adjourn to a closed session at any point during the meeting and may conduct multiple closed sessions as necessary.

6. Adjourn

Agency contact: Susan Cochran, Hearing Adviser, (916) 654-3965 or by e-mail at: susan.cochran@energy.ca.gov

This agenda was prepared in advance of the committee conference. In the event of a substantial change to the agenda, a revised agenda would be filed in the Docket and available in the project's Docket Log at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/redondobeach>