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RE: Status Report on 12-AFC-03 – Redondo Beach Energy Project

Dear Commissioners Douglas and Scott,

This letter provides the status of the Coastal Commission's review in this AFC proceeding, as directed by the Committee's May 7, 2015 Order.

As described in our previous status report, the Coastal Commission unanimously approved its initial 30413(d) Report for this proceeding and submitted it to the Committee (Docket #205306). The Coastal Commission's approval included a determination that the Redondo Beach Energy Project site includes several acres of Commission-jurisdictional wetlands. AES has stated, however, that it does not agree the site includes wetlands and that it intends to pump water from the area to remove wetland characteristics. On August 28, 2015, the Coastal Commission's enforcement staff sent a violation letter to address this issue, which we have docketed as part of the proceeding (Docket#209596). The letter requires a response from AES by September 9th. We plan to participate in the Committee's upcoming September 11th conference, at which time we will provide the status of this issue.

Should you have any questions or need more information, please contact me at 415-904-5248 or tluster@coastal.ca.gov

Sincerely.

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