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As discussed at the Alamitos March 24, 2016 Status Conference, the Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) for Alamitos Energy Center (AEC) is scheduled to be delivered April 20, 2016. While the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) continues to make progress towards a PDOC, recent revisions to the description of project operation (TN# 211013, docketed April 12, 2016) require reanalysis by district permit engineering staff and remodeling by district modeling staff. Staff is not confident the PDOC will be published by the scheduled date, or that staff will be able to meet the current Committee Schedule Order of publishing the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) on April 29, 2016.

The standard practice is for staff to have between 30-45 days between the release of the PDOC and publication of the PSA so that Air Quality staff can review the PDOC and incorporate the information into the PSA. Staff has requested a courtesy draft PDOC be made available to parties, but it appears that a draft will not be made available. Because AEC is a new project, not an amendment, no versions of the air quality conditions of certification have been reviewed or published during the proceedings thus far. The AEC PDOC will be the first time staff have the opportunity to review the district air quality conditions for the AEC replacement project design iterations. It is important to have a detailed and complete PSA to allow for public and stakeholder review and comment. Staff requests 30 days to publish the PSA once the PDOC is published. Meanwhile, Engineering and Environmental technical staff continue to work toward completing sections of the AEC PSA as competing priorities allow.

Transmission System Engineering staff have some questions about equipment sizing in relation to the generators. Staff is consulting with Southern California Edison (SCE) and the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) on the issue to ensure electrical compatibility with SCE's local grid. The provision of 30 days after publication of the PDOC will allow staff to incorporate the clarifying information from SCE, the CAISO, and the applicant into the PSA.