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BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE PUENTE POWER PROJECT

Docket No. 15-AFC-01

COMMITTEE SCHEDULING ORDER

Background

On April 15, 2015, NRG Oxnard Energy Center, LLC submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) seeking permission to construct and operate a 262-megawatt (MW) natural-gas-fired power generation facility, the Puente Power Project (P3 or Project). The Project would be located at 393 North Harbor Boulevard in the city of Oxnard, on the site of the existing Mandalay Generating Station (MGS), an operating power plant.

The Energy Commission designated a Committee¹ to conduct proceedings on the AFC. The Committee held a status conference with the parties on March 28, 2016, to discuss the review process and the schedule.

Schedule

The schedule contains a list of events that must occur in order to complete the certification process. The Committee encourages the parties to consider this schedule an outer boundary and make their best efforts to complete the milestones ahead of these dates. Some deadlines may be contingent upon reviews to be conducted by federal, state, and local agencies.

The Committee may modify the schedule at any time upon either its own motion or that of a party, which may include bifurcation of any delayed subject areas to ensure the efficient processing of the AFC. If the Committee were to find that some subject areas should be delayed, the non-affected subject areas would be expected to adhere to the schedule attached to this Order.²

¹ The Committee consists of Commissioner Janea Scott, Presiding Member, and Commissioner Karen Douglas, Associate Member. The full Energy Commission made this Committee assignment at an Energy Commission Business Meeting on June 10, 2015.

² Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1203, subd. (c).

Status Reports

The attached schedule requires periodic status reports to be submitted by all parties to determine whether case development is progressing satisfactorily and to bring potential schedule delays or other relevant matters to the Committee's attention.

Parties must file (docket) and serve documents using the e-filing system on the California Energy Commission's website. Click on the "Submit e-Filing" link in the "Original Proceeding" box at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/puente/index.html.

Public Adviser and Public Participation

The Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office is available to assist the public in participating in the application review process. For information on how to participate, contact Alana Mathews, Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or 1-800-822-6228, or e-mail at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Raoul Renaud, Hearing Officer, at (916) 651-2020, or e-mail at raoul.renaud@energy.ca.gov.

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to Jon Hilliard, Staff Project Manager, at (916) 654-3936, or e-mail at <u>jon.hilliard@energy.ca.gov</u>.

Media inquiries should be directed to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or e-mail at mediaoffice@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 web page at http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/puente/.

Dated: April 27, 2016, at Sacramento, California.

Original signed by

JANEA A. SCOTT
Commissioner and Presiding Member
Puente Power Project Committee

Original signed by

KAREN DOUGLAS Commissioner and Associate Member Puente Power Project Committee

PUENTE POWER PROJECT REVISED COMMITTEE SCHEDULE 15-AFC-01

ACTIVITY	DATE
Application for Certification submitted	April 15, 2015
Discovery Period Closes	March 7, 2016
Status Conference	March 28, 2016
VCAPCD Issues Preliminary Determination of	May 16, 2016
Compliance (PDOC)	
Parties File Status Reports	May 19, 2016
Staff Publishes Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA)	June 15, 2016
Parties File Status Reports	June 24, 2016
VCAPCD Issues Final Determination of Compliance	July 8, 2016
(FDOC)	
PSA Workshop	Week of July 18 (suggested; will
	be scheduled by Staff)
Status Conference	July 26, 2016
Last Day to File Comments on PSA	August 1, 2016
Parties File Status Reports	August 5, 2016
California Coastal Commission Issues 30413(d)	August 18, 2016
Report	
Parties File Status Reports	August 24, 2016
Staff Publishes Final Staff Assessment (FSA)	August 31, 2016
Last day to File Petition to Intervene ³	September 8, 2016
All Parties File Opening Testimony	September 9, 2016
All Parties File Rebuttal Testimony, Prehearing	September 16, 2016
Conference Statements, Exhibit Lists	
Prehearing Conference (PHC)	September 27, 2016
Evidentiary Hearings (EH)	Week of October 3, 2016
Committee Files Presiding Member's Proposed	Late November 2016
Decision (PMPD)	
Committee Conference on PMPD	Late December 2016
Close of Public Comment Period on PMPD	Late December 2016
Committee Files Errata or Revised PMPD	Mid-January 2017
(if necessary)	
Energy Commission Final Decision	February 2017

³ "A petition for intervention shall be filed no later than the deadline established by the presiding member, of if none is established, at least 30 days before the first evidentiary hearing in the proceeding." Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1211.7, subd. (b).