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2:05 p.m.

3 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Good afternoon, 4 everybody. I am Commissioner Janea Scott and we're 5 going to go ahead and get started. 6 This is a Status Conference that's being 7 conducted by a Committee of the California Energy 8 Commission regarding the Puente Power Project. The 9 Energy Commission Chair has assigned a committee of 10 two Commissioners to conduct these proceedings. 11 As I mentioned, I am Commissioner Janea 12 Scott, and I am the Presiding Member of the 13 Committee. My advisers are Rhetta deMesa and Courtney 14 Smith. They are both here to my left. 15 And to my right is Commissioner Karen 16 Douglas, the Associate Member on the Committee. And 17 her advisers are Jennifer Nelson and Le-Quyen Nguyen. 18 Kristy Chew is up here and then right -- oh, Kristy 19 Chew is in the audience. 20 To my right is Raoul Renaud, who is the 21 Hearing Officer assigned to this case. 22 So at this time, I would like to ask the 23 parties to please introduce themselves and their 24 representatives. And we'll start with the Applicant,

25 NRG Energy.

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1 MR. CARROLL: Good afternoon, Mike Carroll, 2 Attorney Mike Carroll, with Latham & Watkins on behalf of the Applicant. And on my right is George Piantka, 3 4 also with the Applicant, and also with us today is 5 Tom Andrews with Sierra Research. Thank you. 6 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Terrific, welcome. And I'll turn now to staff to introduce 7 8 themselves. 9 MR. HILLIARD: Okay. My name is John 10 Hilliard. I'm the Siting Project Manager. 11 MR. BABULA: Jared Babula, Staff Counsel. 12 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Excellent, welcome. 13 Let me turn to the Interveners. Do we have 14 anyone from Environmental Defense Center, 15 Environmental Coalition, Sierra Club Los Padres 16 Chapter on the phone, or here in the room? 17 MR. SEGEE: Yes, good afternoon. This is 18 Brian Seqee with Environmental Defense Center for the 19 three Interveners. 20 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Terrific, welcome Brian. 21 MR. SEGEE: Thank you. 22 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Do I have any 23 Interveners from the City of Oxnard? City of Oxnard? 24 Okay. We'll circle back --25 MR. SCHEXNAYDER: Oh, yes. Good afternoon. CALIFORNIA REPORTING, LLC 6 52 Longwood Drive, San Rafael, California 94901 (415) 457-4417

This is Edward Schexnayder with Shute, Mihaly &
 Weinberger and for the City of Oxnard.

3 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Excellent, welcome.
4 And do I have Robert Sarvey? Robert Sarvey?
5 (No audible response.)

6 Okay. We will -- then I'd like to introduce 7 to you our Public Adviser who's Shawn Pittard. He's 8 right there in the back of the room waving at you. 9 He's got the blue cards for anyone who'd like to make 10 a public comment.

11 And then let me turn to any agencies. Do we 12 have any elected officials on the phone at all or on 13 the WebEx? I don't see any in the room.

How about representatives from the Federal Government? Do we have any representatives from the Federal Government on the phone?

17 (No audible response.)

18 Okay. How about any agencies of the State of 19 California?

20 MR. LUSTER: Thank you, Commissioner. This 21 is Tom Luster with the Coastal Commission.

22 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Welcome, Tom.

23 Any others?

24 (No audible response.)

25Okay. How about representatives from Native
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1 American tribes?

2 (No audible response.)

3 Any representatives from the Ventura County 4 Air Pollution District?

5 MR. ZOZULA: Hi, this is Kerby Zozula,
6 Ventura County APCD.

7 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Hello, Kerby. Welcome. 8 Do we have representatives from Ventura 9 County or any nearby towns or cities or any other 10 agencies that I may have not called out? Any other 11 agencies on the phone who would like to introduce 12 themselves?

13 (No audible response.)

All right, and let me just circle back to see whether or not intervener Robert Sarvey has joined in the interim.

17 (No audible response.)

18 Okay. Great, thank you everyone for your 19 introductions. And at this time I will hand the 20 conduct of the Status Conference over to the Hearing 21 Officer Raoul Renaud.

22 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: Thank you,

23 Commissioner Scott.

24 Just a bit of housekeeping for those present 25 in the room, the microphones here you'll see when CALIFORNIA REPORTING, LLC 52 Longwood Drive, San Rafael, California 94901 (415) 457-4417

1 they're live they have a red ring around them. We can 2 only have four live at any one time, so the best 3 thing is to turn yours off when you're not speaking. 4 And that way we'll make sure that the sound all goes 5 out to the world out there.

Okay. So this Status Conference was
scheduled in a notice that was dated March 11, 2016.
And this is the first Status Conference being held on
the Puente Power Project.

10 The purpose of the Status Conference is to 11 inform the Committee about any changes made to the 12 Application for Certification and the progress the 13 parties are making on the review of the AFC. We'll 14 then discuss staff's proposed schedule with the 15 parties. And after the Status Conference the 16 Committee will issue a Revised Scheduling Order.

We'll proceed today by first hearing from the Applicant with any status updates, followed by representatives of the Energy Commission staff, and followed by the Interveners regarding the current status of the case. We'll then provide an opportunity for the general public to comment.

After that the Committee may go into Closed Session. If the Committee does that, at the conclusion of the Closed Session, I will return to CALIFORNIA REPORTING, LLC 52 Longwood Drive, San Rafael, California 94901 (415) 457-4417

1 adjourn the Status Conference.

2 So let's proceed first with the Applicant. 3 Do you have any status update you'd like to present 4 to the Committee at this time?

5 MR. CARROLL: Yes, thank you. And we thank6 the Committee for convening this Conference.

7 We had been seeing a need to revisit the 8 schedule and establish some new dates and renew our 9 commitment to meet those dates. So we appreciate the 10 Committee scheduling this conference, so that we can 11 address the scheduling issues.

12 The application has been pending coming up 13 on a year now. And we're not placing any blame for 14 delay at anyone's feet and we acknowledge that there 15 have been some modifications to the project that the 16 Applicant has made. And that in part that has slowed 17 the review a bit. But it is what it is and we are 18 coming up on a year, and so we are anxious to have a 19 schedule established by the Committee and to adhere 20 to that.

21 And we think we're in a good position at 22 this point to do that. Our understanding is that the 23 issuance of the PDOC is imminent, that it's actually 24 been prepared and is undergoing a sort of final 25 technical editing by the Air District, and should be CALIFORNIA REPORTING, LLC 10 52 Longwood Drive, San Rafael, California 94901 (415) 457-4417 1 issued shortly.

We've had a very robust discovery period in connection with this matter. A lot of data requests and a lot of responses to those data requests. We think that that has served to frame up the issues quite well.

7 There has been some discussion of 8 substantive issues involving the parties at the CPUC, 9 which I think is whether that was appropriate or not. 10 We feel that is probably not a matter for debate 11 here, but the fact of the matter is that that did 12 help frame up the issues as well. And so we think 13 that given the extensive discussion that's taken 14 place on the issues, and the fact that the PDOC is 15 ready to be issued, that we're at a good point to 16 establish an aggressive schedule and move forward on 17 that basis.

18 Staff included a proposed schedule in its 19 Status Report Number 5. We think that that's a 20 schedule that makes sense and is achievable and 21 something that we would be prepared to support. And 22 urge the Committee to consider issuing an order 23 consistent with the staff's proposed schedule.

24 Thank you.

25HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: All right, thank you
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1 Mr. Carroll.

2 Just one question on behalf of the 3 Committee, the Applicant did file what you called a 4 Refinement Document. And in looking that over, it 5 appears that the Applicant's intention is to add the demolition and removal of Units 1 and 2 to the entire 6 project, which is being reviewed. And I just wanted 7 confirmation that that was the intent of that. 8 9 MR. CARROLL: Yes, that is correct. 10 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: Good. Okay, thank 11 you. 12 All right, let's turn to -- oh, 13 Commissioners, before we proceed to staff's report, 14 any questions or comments? 15 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: None. 16 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: All right, staff? 17 MR. HILLIARD: Thank you, this is John 18 Hilliard with the Siting Unit. 19 Our Status Report was pretty self-20 explanatory in terms of the closure of discovery 21 period happening on March 7th. We received two 22 additional data requests on that dates, so those are 23 still pending. 24 The other thing is that we've recorded a 25 Record of Conversation between Air Quality staff CALIFORNIA REPORTING, LLC 12 52 Longwood Drive, San Rafael, California 94901 (415) 457-4417

1 and --

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Excuse me? The 3 connection's kind of fuzzy. I'm having trouble 4 hearing staff.

5 MR. HILLIARD: Okay. Can you hear me now?
6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: That's a little
7 better.

8 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: Okay.

9 (Colloquy regarding audio.)

10 MR. HILLIARD: Okay. Anyway, I'll go ahead 11 and reiterate, we had the closure of discovery period 12 that happened on March 7th. We received two 13 additional data requests from Interveners, from 14 Mr. Sarvey as well as the City Of Oxnard. Those are 15 still pending.

I also wanted to call the Committee's attention to the Record of Conversation that was docketed on Friday. This has to do with the timing of the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District's release of Preliminary Determination of Compliance.

21 We had anticipated in a lot of the 22 scheduling material we've been providing to you for 23 the last couple of status reports, receiving that 24 sometime toward the end of March. It is now -- the 25 indication is from the District that may not happen CALIFORNIA REPORTING, LLC 52 Longwood Drive, San Rafael, California 94901 (415) 457-4417

until the end of April. So what we've been doing is
 consistently been tiering (phonetic) off of that with
 an additional month to publish the PSA. So if there
 were decisions made on scheduling.

5 And perhaps -- I know that Kerby's on the 6 phone from the Air District -- he could chime in a 7 little bit as well as our own Air Quality staff who 8 are here, Gerry Bemis and Jacqui Leyva, if they want 9 to try to help round out any information you might 10 want on that regard. Otherwise I don't have anything 11 else, but I can answer your questions.

HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: All right, thank you very much. Again, with respect to the Refinement Document adding the demolition and removal of Units 1 and 2 to the project, I'm sure you're aware of that. And we just wanted to confirm that the staff is viewing that now as part of the AFC and it's being reviewed as part of the AFC?

MR. HILLIARD: Yes. That's being folded into 20 the entire document --

21 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: Very good.

22 MR. HILLIARD: -- and to all the technical 23 sections.

 24 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: All right, thanks.
 25 And as far as the schedule is concerned, CALIFORNIA REPORTING, LLC

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1 we'll discuss that a little bit more later on, but it 2 does appear that the staff is viewing -- the timing 3 for the Preliminary Staff Assessment is basically 30 4 days after issuance of the PDOC.

5 MR. HILLIARD: Yeah, that's been the kind of 6 rule of thumb we've been exercising.

7 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: All right. Okay,8 thank you.

9 Commissioners, anything?

10 COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: No.

11 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: All right.

Okay, let's see, Interveners? Let's see if Brian Segee -- do you have anything to inform the Committee about with respect to status of the case? MR. SEGEE: Sure, Brian Segee for Interveners Environmental Defense Center, Environmental

17 Coalition, and Sierra Club Los Padres Chapter.

Nothing too substantive to add, I just would counter the Applicant's statement in terms of the length of time this has taken. I think it's certainly been part of the process so far and so hope that the Commission doesn't rush on the decision.

23 And then just one note on the schedule 24 announcement, to jump ahead but related to that, it 25 looked like the most recent proposed schedule on CALIFORNIA REPORTING, LLC 52 Longwood Drive, San Rafael, California 94901 (415) 457-4417

March 15th scaled back the comment period on the PSA from 45 to 30 days? So we would just advocate for at least that original 45-day comment period and a 60day comment period if possible.

5 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: All right, thank 6 you. You're advocating then for a 45-day comment 7 period on the PSA, is that?

8 MR. SEGEE: Well, that's what it was in the prior scheduling order, I believe, so at least that 9 10 minimum. And just particularly since this is a CEQA 11 equivalent document, and this is the main 12 environmental analysis, and opportunity for public 13 input on this project at any of the state agencies. 14 So we think it's particularly important to have a 15 full and robust opportunity for public review and 16 comment.

17 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: All right, well 18 thank you for that. The Committee will take that 19 into account in considering the schedule, in 20 preparing the Scheduling Order. We appreciate that. 21 MR. SEGEE: Thank you. 22 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: All right, let's 23 turn to the Intervener City of Oxnard. 24 Mr. Schexnayder, anything to say? 25 MR. SCHEXNAYDER: Hi, yes. I would just like CALIFORNIA REPORTING, LLC

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1 to echo the comment for having a robust period of 2 time for public review.

You know, one of the things that the City 3 4 has noted with the Applicant's materials is that 5 there are significant concerns about the Air Quality analysis for this project. And without having the 6 7 benefit of the PDOC in front of us, we do think that 8 that's going to require a very robust review, 9 especially to see if there's any PSD permitting trigger in there. 10 11 And so allowing for the month period after 12 the release of the PDOC and then a 45-to-60 day 13 comment period would be appropriate to give both the 14 City, the public and other agencies sufficient time

15 to review those materials.

16 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: All right, thank you
17 for that.

18 Anything further for the Committee?

19 (No audible response.)

20 All right, questions or comments by the

21 Committee Members?

22 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Do you want to check on 23 the line, if Sarvey has joined us?

24 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: Yes, I will. Thank25 you.

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Yes, Intervener Robert Sarvey? We just
 wanted to find out if you've joined us and give you
 an opportunity to speak.

4 (No audible response.)
5 No, all right. Okay. So -6 MR. CARROLL: Mr. Renaud, may I speak -7 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: Yes please,
8 Mr. Carroll?

9 MR. CARROLL: -- to you now with respect to 10 schedule, if you're moving off from that?

11 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: We are.

MR. CARROLL: As you know, and as you've heard, we have some active interveners in connection with this matter. Our expectation is that that will mean that the process is likely to take longer than it otherwise would, which I think further suggests being relatively aggressive about the schedule in anticipation of potential slippage down the road.

19 If the Committee were to entertain some of 20 the more extended comment periods that were just 21 requested in connection with the PDOC and/or the PSA, 22 I'd like you to consider whether it would be 23 appropriate to run those in parallel as opposed to 24 sequential? If that was something -- and we're not 25 advocating for that -- we think the traditional 30-CALIFORNIA REPORTING, LLC 18 52 Longwood Drive, San Rafael, California 94901 (415) 457-4417

1 day comment periods should be sufficient. But if you 2 were to entertain a somewhat longer comment period 3 with respect to either of those documents, the 4 Committee might consider running those comment 5 periods in parallel.

6 In other words, having the PDOC and the PSA 7 out on the streets and available for review and 8 comment as opposed to the more traditional approach 9 which is sequential.

10 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: All right, thank you 11 again for that. And the Committee will take that into 12 consideration in developing the schedule. We 13 appreciate you sharing that.

14 Anything further from parties before we
15 proceed to discussion of the schedule?

16 (No audible response.)

17 All right, now as Mr. Hilliard pointed out we do have a new filing, a Record of Conversation 18 19 regarding a conversation with Ventura County Air 20 Pollution Control District. I know we have a 21 representative of the District on the phone and I 22 wondered if you might want to give us a status update 23 on the preparation of the PDOC? 24 MR. ZOZULA: Hi, this is Kerby Zozula with 25 the Ventura County APCD.

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1 As most people that are familiar with our 2 PDOC process the District subcontracted out with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. 3 4 We've never done a CEC project in our history here. 5 And so when we received San Joaquin's proposed PDOC 6 sent to us a couple of weeks ago we've been working 7 with them actively to dot the "I"s and cross all the "T"s. 8

9 I talked to CEC staff on Thursday, and our 10 goal is to get it out at the end of April or early 11 May. It may happen before that, but I can't commit to 12 that yet.

HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: All right, so would you say then that the end of April or beginning of May is still a pretty accurate assessment?

16 MR. ZOZULA: Yes.

HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: All right, thank youfor that.

19 Any questions or comments for the 20 Representative of the District, anybody?

21 COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: No.

HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: No, all right. Good.
I know we also have Tom Luster from the
Coastal Commission on the phone. Let me ask,

25 Mr. Luster, if you have anything to say that might
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1 assist the Committee in preparing the updated 2 schedule for the project?

MR. LUSTER: Sure, thanks very much. 3 4 Our main concern is that we have enough time 5 between the issuance of the PSA and our Coastal Commission meeting, where the Commission would 6 7 consider our 30413(d) Report, to get that to you. 8 The timing kind of depends on when exactly 9 the PSA comes out during the month. Our Commission 10 meetings are generally the second week of each month. 11 So if -- and we have to prepare our report and 12 publish it about two weeks before that hearing. 13 So a PSA that came out in the latter half of 14 the month, probably couldn't make the following 15 month's Coastal Commission meeting. Whereas, if a PSA 16 was issued during the beginning of the month, we have 17 a chance to make the subsequent month's hearing. And so for that reason, I think we would 18 19 prefer at least a 45-day period between the PSA and 20 the FSA to allow us to get our report to our 21 Commission for a decision and then get back to you. 22 Does that make sense? 23 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: It does to me. Let 24 me ask the representative of the staff, Mr. Hilliard. 25 How does that sound to you in terms of its

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1 effect on your preparation of the PSA?

2 MR. HILLIARD: It's fine in terms of the 3 preparation of the FSA, because per our MOA they 4 would endeavor to provide that prior to our Final 5 Staff Assessment. We have a couple of weeks to look at it, at the conclusion of their mid-month meeting. 6 7 So we've been communicating with Tom to try to work 8 that out. 9 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: All right, great. 10 Thank you. 11 MR. LUSTER: But I should add that the 12 schedule that is on the most recent Status Report, it 13 looks like that would allow us enough time then, the 14 relationship between the PSA date and our expected 15 hearing date. 16 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: Okay, good. Thank 17 you very much for that. 18 Okay, let me again see if the Members of the 19 Committee have any questions or comments? 20 All right, good. I think then we would be 21 ready to move into public comment period. Let me ask 22 first if there's anyone in the room here who would 23 like to make a public comment regarding this matter? 24 All right, seeing none let me turn to those 25 on the phone. Anyone who's on the phone would you CALIFORNIA REPORTING, LLC 22 52 Longwood Drive, San Rafael, California 94901 (415) 457-4417

1 like to make a public comment? If so, just please 2 speak up. If there's more than one of you, we'll 3 sort that out.

MS. LAZEROW: Good afternoon, my name is Shana Lazerow. I'm a representative of the California Environmental Justice Alliance. And we submitted a Petition for Intervention this morning in this matter. I wasn't sure whether this was the point at which the Committee would be interested in considering any pending motions.

11 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: All right, thank you. We did receive the Petition to Intervene. And 12 13 it's not really considered a motion that would need 14 to be addressed or argued before the Committee. The 15 Committee will consider that as a written petition 16 and consider it under our regulations and issue an 17 order on it quite soon, so there's nothing that you 18 need to say this morning or this afternoon.

19 You're welcome to speak, of course, but 20 there's nothing that we need from you as far as being 21 able to consider the Petition to Intervene. But thank 22 you for attending.

23 MR. LAZEROW: That's fine. Thank you.
24 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: Okay, anyone else on

25 the phone that would like to a comment? CALIFORNIA REPORTING, LLC

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1 (No audible response.)

2 Okay. Thank you. All right, the --

3 MR. PIANTKA: I'm sorry, I'm --

4 HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: Yes, Mr. Piantka, go5 ahead.

6 MR. PIANTKA: -- George Piantka with the 7 Applicant. And one of the key parts of the schedule 8 is going to be the PSA workshop. And, you know, in 9 looking at again the staff schedule, we've been 10 anticipating that schedule and looking for dates. And 11 the date of late May could work for a PSA workshop.

Now, the schedule is going to be coming out in the scheduling order and we have a number of dates that we think will also work in June. So I think that's a key part for us.

We really want to be able to secure the location and assume it would be in Oxnard, assume we would look for the location similar to the informational meeting. So we're really anticipating -- but again there are a lot of good dates in June to have a workshop if the schedule so aligns.

HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: All right, do you
have specific dates in mind you want to tell us
about? Not that we could necessarily fit those in,
but if you know of specific dates you would like to CALIFORNIA REPORTING, LLC 24 52 Longwood Drive, San Rafael, California 94901 (415) 457-4417 1 inform us of that it might be useful information.

2 MR. PIANTKA: You know, as Mike Carroll said 3 earlier, if you're looking at an opportunity where 4 the PDOC and the PSA run parallel, we would 5 anticipate the workshop should be within the comment 6 period on those documents. So it really depends on 7 when the PSA comes out.

8 If it did come out, for example, at the end 9 of May then a mid-June could work. I mean just aware 10 of some dates and kind of looking at Thursdays or, 11 for example June 9th, June 16th, are among some dates 12 that are available. Even the following week there's a 13 couple of dates in the latter part of June that are 14 also available at the Community Center in Oxnard.

15 So we're anxious to try to help all the 16 community, all the current parties that will 17 participate and secure a date in advance.

HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: All right, thank
you. That's helpful to the Committee and we'll again
take that into account in preparing the new
scheduling order.

All right, the Committee is now going to go into Closed Session. As indicated in the notice the Closed Session will be conducted in accordance with Government Code Section 11126(c)(3), which allows a CALIFORNIA REPORTING, LLC 25 52 Longwood Drive, San Rafael, California 94901 (415) 457-4417 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.

5 So the Committee will be discussing the 6 Scheduling Order. When the Closed Session is over I 7 will return to adjourn the meeting. I don't think 8 there's any reason for anyone to hang around and wait 9 for that. There won't be much other than my saying, 10 "The meeting is now adjourned."

Before we do that, let me just ask if any members of the Committee have closing remarks you'd like to make before we -- please?

14 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I do not. I just thank15 all the parties for the status update today.

HEARING OFFICER RENAUD: All right. Thank you then. We will adjourn into Closed Session. Thank you. (Adjourned at 2:32 p.m.)

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