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The Honorable Andrew McAllister, Presiding Member The Honorable Karen Douglas, Associate Member California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 Hearing Adviser Susan Cochran California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Huntington Beach Energy Project (12-AFC-02C)
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Dear Commissioners and Hearing Adviser Cochran:

Project Owner AES Southland Development, LLC ("Project Owner" or "AES") submits this Status Report for the Huntington Beach Energy Project ("HBEP") Petition to Amend ("PTA") proceeding pursuant to the Committee's March 8, 2016 Amended Committee Scheduling Order ("Scheduling Order"). The following activities have occurred since filing the April 29, 2016 Status Report.

On May 2, 2016 the City of Huntington Beach adopted a resolution making findings to support a variance for the project and supporting the proposed architectural treatment. On May 9, 2016 Project Owner docketed a response to the comments submitted by the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy. (TN# 21141.) Additionally, Project Owner docketed correspondence and documentation from South Coast Air Quality Management District ("SCAQMD") related to the air quality cumulative impacts analysis for the project. (TN# 211425, 211426, 211427, 211428, 211429, 211432, 211433, 211434, 211437.)

As of the date of this Status Report, Project Owner is not aware of any outstanding data requests from Staff.

Project Owner understands that SCAQMD is expected to issue the Preliminary Determination of Compliance ("PDOC") by June 3, 2016. Project Owner understands that SCAQMD and CEC Staff have been in close communications regarding the content of the PDOC. With that in mind, Project Owner anticipates Staff's ability to publish the Preliminary Staff Assessment ("PSA")



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well in advance of three weeks after SCAQMD's issuance of the PDOC, as currently contemplated in the Scheduling Order. In order to achieve a schedule as close as possible to that presented in the Scheduling Order, Project Owner urges Staff to issue the PSA no later than June 10, 2016 or one week from issuance of the PDOC. Project Owner hereby requests the Committee modify the Scheduling Order to include a June 10, 2016 deadline for Staff's issuance of the PSA, and a commensurate revision to all activities subsequent to PSA issuance. Project Owner is also looking forward to participating in the Committee's June 22 Status Conference.

Very truly yours,

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