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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE

MISSION ROCK ENERGY CENTER

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COMMITTEE SCHEDULING ORDER

Background

On December 30, 2015, Mission Rock Energy Center, LLC (Applicant) submitted an Application for Certification (“Application”) to the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) seeking permission to construct and operate a 275-megawatt (MW) natural-gas-fired power generation facility: the Mission Rock Energy Center (the proposed Project).¹

The proposed Project would be located on approximately 10 acres in an existing industrial park at 1025 Mission Rock Road in unincorporated Ventura County, approximately five miles west of downtown Santa Paula, California. The site is paved and is currently used for recreational vehicle and boat storage. Temporary construction laydown and parking facilities would be on a nearly three-acre area immediately to the north of the proposed Project’s site.

The proposed Project would consist of five new natural-gas-fired, combustion turbine generators with a combined nominal generation rating of 275 MW. The proposed Project would also house 20 lithium-ion (and/or flow) batteries on site for electricity storage, providing an additional 25 MW of nominal capacity for up to four hours, and be enabled to provide voltage support to the electric grid.

The proposed Project would connect to the regional electrical grid at the Southern California Edison Santa Clara substation. To access this substation, the proposed Project requires the construction of a new 6.6-mile, 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line.

Natural gas to operate the facility requires the construction of a new 2.4-mile, 16-inch diameter pipeline that would connect to Southern California Gas Company’s existing high-pressure natural-gas transmission pipeline (Line 404/406). The new pipeline would run southwest from the proposed Project site along Shell Road and the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way.

¹ The Application can be found at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/missionrock/documents/afc.php>.

The proposed Project's total estimated water use (recycled and potable) is approximately 10.28 acre-feet per year. Annual domestic (potable) water use is expected to be approximately 0.15 acre-feet per year. The proposed potable water source is the City of Santa Paula via an existing on-site connection.

Recycled water from the Limoneira Company's wastewater treatment facility is proposed to be used for cooling purposes. New recycled-water purification equipment and a storage tank for the purified water would be required at the proposed Project. Industrial wastewater from cooling tower blowdown and other operational processes would be discharged to an existing pipeline.

Construction of the proposed Project is expected to occur over a 17-month period (from November 2018 through April 2020). Commercial operation of the proposed Project is expected by September 2020.

The Application and all documents that have been filed in the project docket may be viewed at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/missionrock/documents/afc.php>

Summary

The Energy Commission assigned a committee of two Commissioners² (Committee) to conduct proceedings on the Application. The Committee held its first Site Visit, Environmental Scoping Meeting and Informational Hearing at the Boys and Girls Club in Santa Paula, California, on June 28, 2016. The Committee conducted a second Environmental Scoping Meeting and Informational Hearing at the Community Center in Santa Paula, California, on July 28, 2016. The purpose of the Site Visit, Environmental Scoping Meetings, and the Informational Hearings was to discuss the proposed Project, to outline the review process, and to identify issues that may be addressed during the review process.

The Energy Commission staff (Staff) preliminarily identified issues in the Application in the following areas: biological resources, cultural resources, soils and water, transmission system engineering, visual resources, alternatives, and environmental justice. Resolution of these issues generally happens during the discovery/data exchange process (data requests and responses are transmitted through the proposed Project's docket log and available for review if not deemed confidential) and in public meetings with the parties, the public, and interested governmental agencies. At the July 28, 2016, Environmental Scoping Meeting and Informational Hearing, Staff indicated that it had already prepared its first round of data requests. Staff and Applicant agreed

² The Energy Commission appointed a Committee consisting of Karen Douglas, Commissioner and Presiding Member, and Janea A. Scott, Commissioner and Associate Member, at its Business Meeting on May 17, 2016 (TN 211537).

that responses to these data requests would be due September 1, 2016. A Staff workshop on the data responses received would be held in mid-September 2016.

The Committee took public comments and questions on the proposed Project. These comments and questions focused on several key areas, including water supply, impacts on air quality and public health, noise, environmental justice, flood control, and effects on nearby habitat and species.

The Committee adopts the attached Committee Schedule pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1709.7(c). The Committee Schedule contains a list of events that must occur in order to complete the Energy Commission review process. The Committee encourages the parties to consider this schedule an outer boundary and make their best efforts to complete the milestones ahead of schedule. Some deadlines may be contingent upon reviews to be conducted by federal, state, and local agencies.

Given the complexities involved in resolving these issues, the parties are on notice that the Committee may modify the Committee Schedule at any time, upon either its own motion or that of a party. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1709.7(c).)

Status Reports and Conferences

The attached Committee Schedule requires periodic status reports to be submitted by all parties for determining whether case development is progressing satisfactorily and to bring potential schedule delays or other relevant matters to the Committee's attention. The burden is on the Applicant to produce the necessary data according to the schedule. If there are delays, the Committee may adopt a performance-based approach resulting in a commensurate lengthening of the schedule.

To facilitate the process, each party shall serve and file a Status Report on the first of each month, beginning September 1, 2016. Parties must file (docket) and serve documents using the e-filing system on the California Energy Commission's website by clicking on the "Submit e-Filing" link in the "Original Proceeding" box at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/missionrock/index.html>

Public Adviser and Public Participation

The Energy Commission invites members of the public and other interested parties to participate either on an informal basis or by intervening in the proceeding. Both types of participation allow written and oral comments. At the informal participation level, written and oral public comments are considered by the Committee and are part of the record, but are not part of the formal evidentiary record. Intervenors have the right to introduce evidence into the evidentiary record and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses.

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office is available to assist the public with understanding the proceedings and to make recommendations for meaningful

participation. For assistance, contact Alana Mathews, Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in any events, contact Poneh Jones no less than five days prior to the event at (916) 654-4425, or by e-mail at poneh.jones@energy.ca.gov.

Contact Information

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Susan Cochran, Hearing Officer, by e-mail at susan.cochran@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-3965.

Technical questions concerning the proposed Project should be addressed to Mike Monasmith, Project Manager, by e-mail at mike.monasmith@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4894.

Media inquiries should be sent to the Media and Public Communications Office at Mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

Information concerning the status of the proposed Project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's web page at:

www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/missionrock/.

Dated: August 12, 2016, at Sacramento, California

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

KAREN DOUGLAS
Commissioner and Presiding Member
Mission Rock Energy Center Committee

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

JANEA A. SCOTT
Commissioner and Associate Member
Mission Rock Energy Center Committee

**MISSION ROCK ENERGY CENTER
AUGUST 2016 SCHEDULE**

ACTIVITY	DATE COMPLETED OR DUE
Application for Certification filed by Applicant	December 30, 2015
Application found Data Adequate	May 17, 2016
Staff files first round of Data Requests (DRs)	June 24, 2016
Site Visit, Informational Hearing, and Environmental Scoping Meeting in Santa Paula	June 28, 2016
Second Informational Hearing and Environmental Scoping Meeting in Santa Paula	July 28, 2016
Status Report from all parties due on the 1 st of each month	September 1, 2016 and the 1 st of each month thereafter
Applicant files Data Responses	September 1, 2016
Data Response and Issue Resolution Workshop	Mid-September 2016
Staff Files Data Requests Round 2 (if necessary)	TBD
Applicant Provides Data Responses, Round 2 (if necessary)	TBD
Data Response and Issue Resolution, Round 2, Workshop (if necessary)	TBD
Committee Status Conference	October 19, 2016
Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD) issues Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC)	Mid-October 2016
Discovery closes	November 14, 2016 ³
Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) Published	Mid-November 2016
Committee Status Conference	Mid-December 2016
PSA Staff Workshop	Late-December 2016
Public Comment Period for the PSA closes	Mid-December 2016
VCAPCD Issues Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC)	Mid-December 2016

³ Discovery closes 180 days after the determination of data adequacy unless otherwise ordered by the Presiding Member. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1716)

Final Staff Assessment Published (FSA)	Mid-January 2017
All Parties File Opening Testimony	Mid-February 2017
All Parties File Rebuttal Testimony	Late February 2017
Last day to file Petition to Intervene ⁴	Late February 2017
All Parties File Prehearing Conference Statements with Exhibit Lists	Early March 2017
Prehearing Conference (PHC)	Early March 2017
Evidentiary Hearings (EH)	Late March 2017
All Parties File Opening Briefs (if determined to be necessary)	April 2017
All Parties File Reply Briefs (if determined to be necessary)	April 2017
Committee Files Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD)	May/June 2017
Committee Conference on PMPD	June 2017
Close of Public Comment Period on PMPD	June 2017
Committee Files Errata or Revised PMPD (if necessary)	July 2017*
Energy Commission Final Decision	July/August 2017*

*TBD = To Be Determined

⁴ "A petition for intervention shall be filed no later than the deadline established by the presiding member, or 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).