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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:** 

**ALAMITOS ENERGY CENTER** 

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#### REVISED COMMITTEE SCHEDULING ORDER

### **Background**

On December 27, 2013, AES Southland Development, LLC (Applicant) submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) seeking approval to construct the Alamitos Energy Center (AEC). The AFC was deemed "data adequate" on March 12, 2014. On October 26, 2015, the Applicant filed a supplemental AFC (SAFC) which identified changes to the design of the originally proposed AEC project.

The revised AEC would be located on an approximately 21-acre site within the larger 71.1-acre Alamitos Generation Station site. The currently proposed AEC would consist of two gas turbine power blocks. Power Block 1 would consist of two natural-gas-fired combustion turbine generators in a combined-cycle configuration, with two unfired heat recovery steam generators, one steam turbine generator, an air-cooled condenser, an auxiliary boiler, and related ancillary equipment. Power Block 2 would consist of four simple-cycle combustion turbine generators with fin-fan coolers and ancillary facilities.

The Committee<sup>1</sup> assigned to conduct proceedings on the AFC has held a series of public status conferences at the Energy Commission in Sacramento, California, most recently on Wednesday, August 24, 2016, to discuss the review process and schedule. The attached Committee Schedule is based on Applicant's and Energy Commission Staff's (Staff) proposed schedules and related discussions with all parties at the August 24th Status Conference.

#### **Scheduling Order**

The Committee hereby adopts the attached Revised Committee Schedule. The parties are to consider this schedule an outer boundary and make their best efforts to complete the milestones ahead of these dates. The Committee may modify the schedule at any

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Committee consists of Commissioner Karen Douglas, Presiding Member, and Commissioner Janea Scott, Associate Member.

time upon either its own motion or that of a party. This Scheduling Order supersedes all prior schedules issued for the AEC.

#### Request to South Coast Air Quality Management District

At the August 24, 2016 Status Conference, SCAQMD Air Quality Analysis and Compliance Supervisor, Bhaskar Chandan, stated that he was unable to estimate when the Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC) would be published, but that the publication would occur within a matter of weeks. Mr. Chandan indicated that he would be better able to estimate the FDOC publication date after receiving final public comments. The public comment period on the PDOC ended on August 24, 2016. The Committee requests that Mr. Chandan inform the Committee of the projected FDOC publication date as soon as that information becomes available to him via a memo to the Committee filed in the project docket.

The Committee appreciates the extraordinary efforts of the SCAQMD to complete the FDOC. While the Committee sees value in incorporating the FDOC in the Final Staff Assessment (FSA), it recognizes that it may become necessary to admit the FDOC as a separate exhibit to preserve the schedule.

#### **Public Participation and Public Adviser**

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office is available to assist the public in participating in the AFC proceedings. For assistance, contact Alana Mathews, Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:publicadviser@energy.ca.gov">publicadviser@energy.ca.gov</a>.

#### **Contact Information**

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Kenneth Celli, Hearing Officer, at (916) 651-8893, or by e-mail at ken.celli@energy.ca.gov.

Technical questions about the project should be directed to Keith Winstead, Staff Project Manager, at (916) 654-5191, or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:keith.winstead@energy.ca.gov">keith.winstead@energy.ca.gov</a>.

Media inquiries should be directed to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989 or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

Information regarding the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents pertaining to this proceeding, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's web page at: <a href="http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/alamitos">http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/alamitos</a>.

Dated: August 31, 2016 at Sacramento, California.

Original signed by

KAREN DOUGLAS Commissioner and Presiding Member Alamitos Energy Center AFC Committee Original signed by

JANEA A. SCOTT Commissioner and Associate Member Alamitos Energy Center AFC Committee

## Revised Committee Schedule for the Alamitos Energy Center August 2016

August 2010		
ACTIVITY	DATE	
Application for Certification filed	12/27/13	
Application for Certification determined to be Data Adequate at Commission Business Meeting	3/12/14	
Informational Hearing and Site Visit	4/29/14	
Supplemental Application for Certification (SAFC) filed	10/26/15	
Discovery closed	3/1/16	
Last day to Petition to Intervene	6/3/16	
SCAQMD issues Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC)	7/1/16	
Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) Published	7/13/16	
PSA Workshop	8/9/16	
Status Conference and PDOC comment deadline	8/24/16	
SCAQMD Issues Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC)	To be determined  10 Business Days after FDOC, but no later	
Final Staff Assessment (FSA) Published	than 9/23/16	
All parties file Opening Testimony	3 Weeks from FSA	
All parties file Rebuttal Testimony Prehearing Conference Statement, Witness List and Exhibit list due	4 Weeks from FSA 2 Days after Rebuttal Testimony Filed	
Prehearing Conference	5 Weeks from FSA	
Evidentiary Hearings	5 Weeks from FSA	
Closing Briefs	7 Weeks from FSA	
Committee Files Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD)	9 Weeks from FSA	
Committee Hearing on PMPD	12 Weeks from FSA	
Close of Public Comment Period on PMPD	13 Weeks from FSA	
Committee Files Errata or Revised PMPD (RPMPD) (if necessary)	Approx. 15 Weeks from FSA	
Energy Commission Final Decision	Approx. 2 weeks after the RPMPD	

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