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In the matter of:

Application for Certification of the
PUENTE POWER PROJECT

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**CITY OF OXNARD'S JANUARY 3, 2017
STATUS CONFERENCE STATEMENT**

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The City of Oxnard submits the following Status Conference Statement.

Proceeding Status:

The Final Staff Assessment was published on December 8, 2016 and staff continues to release portions of the document translated into Spanish. The City is preparing testimony in anticipation of the January 13, 2017 deadline but continues to believe that the current schedule does not provide the parties and the public with sufficient opportunity to present their concerns regarding the proposed project. In particular, the issues workshop is scheduled just three days before testimony is to be filed. The parties can prepare for and participate in the issues workshop and prepare testimony. To the extent new information is provided at the workshop, three days is not enough time to prepare testimony on those issues. The City is also concerned that the FSA acknowledges for the first time the conflict between the City's land use policies and the proposed project. Therefore, the schedule should provide adequate time to investigate the feasibility alternatives, including those not evaluated in the FSA. The current schedule, with the release just before the winter holidays, is not sufficient to develop the factual record necessary for the Commission to make the override findings required by law. Finally, the City reiterates that no consultation with the City of Oxnard has taken place to determine whether the conflicts with City policies may be avoided.

Therefore, the City respectfully requests that the Commission reconsider the proposed schedule and at a minimum modify to ensure the parties are given an adequate opportunity to present both opening and rebuttal testimony.

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