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In the Matter of:)
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Application for Certification for)
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CONTINUATION OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING

PUENTE POWER PROJECT

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017

12:06 P.M.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

FEBRUARY 15, 2017 12:06 p.m.

COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Okay, good afternoon, everyone. I want to welcome you to the Puente Power Project Continued Evidentiary Hearing Closed Session.

I am Commissioner Janea Scott, the Presiding Member. I am joined here with my Advisers, Rhetta deMesa and Matt Coldwell.

I'm also joined by Commissioner Douglas's Advisers, Jennifer Nelson and Le-Quyen Nguyen.

We also have our Hearing Officer, Paul Kramer. Let me -- we don't have any parties or members of the public in the room with us. But let me turn to the WebEx, in case we have any parties who would like to introduce themselves.

If you are a party and you are on the line, and would like to introduce yourself, please speak up.

MR. SMITH: Hi, just briefly. This is Matthew Smith, from the Environmental Defense Center, on behalf of the EDC, the Environmental Coalition of Ventura County, and our other clients as listed on the docket. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Hello, Matthew.

Do we have any other of the parties on the

1 WebEx?

2 Okay. With that, then, I will turn the
3 conduct of our Closed Session over to Hearing Officer
4 Paul Kramer.

5 HEARING OFFICER KRAMER: Okay, thank you.
6 The purpose of today's hearing is primarily for the
7 Committee to deliberate in Closed Session. And
8 following the Closed Session, we will take public
9 comment. And because we have some time, we're
10 willing to take public comment right now, as well.
11 We will come back and ask, again, after the Closed
12 Session.

13 I see we have one call-in user that didn't
14 identify themselves. So, if you are interested in
15 making a public comment, please let us know, now.

16 Okay. Hearing nothing, then, we are -- our
17 Closed Session is not going to start immediately, I
18 can tell you that. But we're going to adjourn into
19 the Closed Session and we will return -- it's hard to
20 know the exact time. We're not really expecting any
21 reportable actions but, you know, it's always a
22 possibility.

23 I would say no earlier than 2:30. In fact,
24 I think we can just guarantee that. Even if we
25 finish early, we won't be back to report until 2:30.

1 But we will leave the WebEx open. We'll put up a
2 whiteboard sign that tells anybody, who calls in
3 while we're out, what we're doing. And you're free
4 to either stay on the line or just call back at about
5 2:30. Thank you. We're adjourned into Closed
6 Session.

7 Oh, and I should say the magic words, which
8 is that it's pursuant to Government Code Section
9 11126, subdivision (c)(3), which allows a State body,
10 including a delegated committee, to hold a Closed
11 Session to deliberate on a decision to be reached in
12 a proceeding the State body was required by law to
13 conduct.

14 So, we will talk to you in the neighborhood
15 of 2:30. Thank you.

16 (Closed Session was convened at 12:10 p.m.)

17 (Public Session was reconvened at 3:01 p.m.)

18 HEARING OFFICER KRAMER: This is Paul
19 Kramer, for the Puente Power Plant Committee,
20 reporting that we've returned from Closed Session.
21 We began around 1:15 and just concluded.

22 There's nothing to report by way of
23 Committee action, except that we'll be continuing
24 this meeting for another week, roughly to continue
25 deliberations in Closed Session.

1 But before we do that, we had promised that
2 public comment would follow the conclusion of our
3 Closed Session.

4 I see nobody in the room. Commissioner
5 Douglas is here with me, by the way, as is Le-Quyen
6 Nguyen, and Kristy Chew, the Committee's Technical
7 Adviser, the Commissioners' Technical Adviser. And
8 Rosemary Avalos, from the Public Adviser's Office.
9 And our court reporter.

10 But that's it, so there's nobody in the room
11 to make a public comment.

12 I see one person on the telephone, so we'll
13 ask if you, sir or madam, wish to make a public
14 comment?

15 MR. SMITH: No, thank you, Mr. Kramer, I do
16 not.

17 HEARING OFFICER KRAMER: That was Matthew
18 Smith, right?

19 MR. SMITH: Yes, sir. Yes, Matthew Smith
20 from EDC.

21 HEARING OFFICER KRAMER: Okay, thank you.

22 Okay, so with that, we are going to adjourn
23 the meeting or continue it, take your term of choice,
24 to February 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. start.

25 I'm going to have to look and see which room

1 in this building we can get, but it will be here, at
2 the Energy Commission. And, basically, the same deal
3 as today. Primarily for the purpose of a Closed
4 Session, with the normal opportunity for public
5 comment, probably at the conclusion of the Closed
6 Session.

7 So, with that, we are adjourned until
8 February 22nd.

9 A notice will be posted here, at the
10 Commission, and also filed in the docket of this
11 proceeding later today. Thank you.

12 (The hearing was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.)

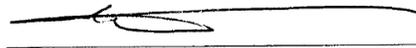
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