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Presiding Member's Proposed Decision: Supplemental Comments

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Introduction

AES Alamos Energy, LLC (the “Applicant”) provides the following supplemental comments on the Presiding Members Proposed Decision (“PMPD”) for the Alamos Energy Center (“AEC”) Supplemental Application for Certification (SAFC) (13-AFC-01). These comments address the issues raised at the March 1, 2017 Committee Conference on the PMPD. Proposed deletions are shown in ~~strikeout~~ font. Proposed additions are shown in underlined font.

Air Quality

- Following discussions at the Committee Conference, on March 3, 2017 the Applicant docketed *Suggested Edits to AEC PMPD Greenhouse Gas Table 3* (TN#: 216411). The suggested edits contain Staff and the Applicant’s proposed clarifying revisions to Greenhouse Gas Table 3 in the PMPD.
- GHG-1: Both Staff and the Applicant recommended deletion of Condition of Certification GHG-1, as the condition is not necessary.

Biological Resources

- Parties agreed at the Committee Conference to revised language for BIO-8 as follows (see, 3/1/17 RT 19-21):

BIO-8: Pre-construction nest surveys shall be conducted if construction or demolition activities on the project site or wastewater pipeline will occur from January 1 through August 31. In addition, preconstruction burrowing owl surveys shall be conducted prior to any ground disturbing activity year-round. The Designated Biologist or Biological Monitor shall perform surveys in accordance with the following guidelines: ***

Soil and Water Resources

- At the Committee Conference, the Applicant discussed the challenges and issues associated with metering and tracking sanitary water separately from process waters. Separate metering of water uses is not needed to mitigate any significant impacts of the project, or to ensure compliance with any applicable law, ordinance, regulation, or standard. Therefore, the Applicant proposes the following revisions to Condition of Certification SOIL&WATER-6 and SOIL&WATER-7, which would remove the requirement to track sanitary water separately from other operational uses:

SOIL&WATER-6: Water supply for project construction, sanitary, and industrial uses during project construction and operation shall be potable water supplied by the city of Long Beach Water Department (LBWD). Water use for project operation, ~~including 1.6 AFY for sanitary purposes,~~ shall not exceed 130 AFY. Water use for construction shall not exceed 22 AFY during the 56-month demolition and construction period. A monthly summary of water use shall be submitted to the CPM. No later than 60 days prior to construction, the project owner shall submit to the CPM two copies of the executed agreement for the supply and onsite use of potable water from LBWD.

SOIL&WATER-7: Prior to the use of potable water, the project owner shall install and maintain metering devices as part of the water supply and distribution system. The project shall monitor and record in gallons per day the total volume of potable water from LBWD. Those metering devices shall be operational for the life of the project, ~~and must be able to record the volume of construction, domestic, and process water use separately.~~

Visual Resources

- Landscaping and VIS-3: The Applicant would also like to clarify the comments it made during the Committee Conference regarding landscaping done by the AEC. There will be landscaping for the AEC, which will be, to the extent feasible, comprised of native, drought-tolerant trees or other plants, as required by Condition of Certification VIS-3. Water will be used as necessary to maintain the landscaping consistent with VIS-3 and City requirements. Total water use for the project operations will not exceed 130 AFY set forth in Condition SOIL&WATER-6 and the Applicant will comply with applicable landscape watering restrictions issued by the City or State. No changes to the PMPD are required as a result of this clarification.