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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE **PUENTE POWER PROJECT**

STATUS REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE

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The California Environmental Justice Alliance ("CEJA") submit this status report pursuant to the November 18, 2016 Revised Committee Scheduling order. CEJA appreciates the Committee's March 10, 2017 Orders for Additional Evidence and Briefing Following Evidentiary Hearings ("Orders") acknowledging the need for additional evidence. CEJA has advocated for addition evidence since the initial Preliminary Staff Assessment ("PSA") was released. In particular, in its Prehearing Conference Statement and throughout the evidentiary hearings, CEJA consistently stated that the record was not sufficiently developed to evaluate environmental justice impacts from the Puente projects, and that adequate alternatives analyses could not be completed because the record lacked sufficient evidence for full environmental justice evaluation.

On March 21, 2017, CEJA jointly submitted Intervenors' Joint Motion to Modify the Committee's Orders requesting, among things, that the Committee "postpone briefing on Land Use and LORS until the development and submission of additional evidence is completed." In response to the motion, NRG concurred with the request to defer this initial briefing until after submission of additional evidence. NRG reasoned that, since intervenors anticipate additional evidence will require intervenors to submit additional briefing on these topics, it would be more efficient to have a single set of briefs. Given the short timeframe for briefing (currently due April 10) and intervening holidays, CEJA requests a swift Committee decision on this motion.

Additionally, CEJA supports the sequencing and timing requests of other intervenors seeking to ensure that both interested agencies and all parties have sufficient time to evaluate

additional biological and sea level rise information, and that additional evidentiary hearings be scheduled as necessary.

Dated: April 3, 2017 Respectfully Submitted,

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