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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE:

PUENTE POWER PROJECT

Docket No. 15-AFC-01

**NOTICE OF APRIL 28, 2017 COMMITTEE CONFERENCE AND ORDER
GRANTING ADDITIONAL TIME FOR COMMITTEE RULING ON
INTERVENORS' JOINT MOTION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Energy Commission Committee¹ (Committee) assigned to conduct proceedings on the Application for Certification (“Application”) for the Puente Power Project (“Project”) has scheduled a public **Committee Conference** as follows:

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017
9:30 a.m.**

**California Energy Commission
Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Wheelchair Accessible)**

TELECONFERENCE OPTION: You may participate in the Committee Conference either in person, by telephone, and/or by computer via the “WebEx” conferencing system. A **Spanish translation** of the proceedings will be provided in the meeting room and via a separate WebEx meeting. Please see the **Remote Attendance** section on page 4, below.

Background

During February 7-10, 2017, the Committee held public evidentiary hearings in Oxnard, California, on the Application, which proposes a 262 megawatt natural-gas-fired, simple cycle electrical generating facility. The Project would be built on approximately three acres within the existing 36-acre Mandalay Generating Station site at 393 North Harbor Boulevard, Oxnard.

¹ The Committee consists of Commissioner Janea A. Scott, Presiding Member, and Commissioner Karen Douglas, Associate Member.

On March 10, 2017, the Committee issued *Orders for Additional Evidence and Briefing Following Evidentiary Hearings*,² which, among other things, ordered the Applicant and Energy Commission Staff (Staff) to conduct additional biological surveys on the project site. The Applicant and Staff were also ordered to submit additional evidence regarding coastal flooding, alternatives to the Project, and the Project's eventual closure. All other parties were invited to submit additional evidence on these topics. The Committee also requested that the parties file opening briefs on the topic of Land Use by April 10, 2017.

Staff submitted a proposed timetable for the remainder of this proceeding on April 5, 2017.³ Party comments on the proposed timetable are due on April 17.

Order Granting Additional Time for Committee to Rule on Intervenors' Joint Motion

Intervenors Environmental Defense Center, Sierra Club, Environmental Coalition of Ventura County, the City of Oxnard, California Environmental Justice Alliance, Fighting for Informed Environmentally Responsible Clean Energy, and the Center for Biological Diversity filed a joint motion on March 21, 2017⁴, requesting clarifications and modifications to the Committee's orders regarding biological surveys, project site access for Intervenors' biology experts, and postponement of briefing on Land Use issues.

On April 5, 2017, the Committee suspended the Land Use briefing.⁵ The other issues presented by the joint motion – biological surveys and site access – are under Committee consideration. The Committee may rule on some or all of those issues prior to the April 28 Committee Conference. To the extent that the Committee does not rule on all of the issues presented in the joint motion, it may decide to further discuss them with the parties during the Committee Conference. The parties shall be prepared to discuss the remaining issues should the Committee so desire.

Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Section 1211.5(a) requires the Presiding Member to rule on a motion within 21 days and if no ruling is made within 30 days (April 20), the motion is deemed denied. The Presiding Member is permitted to extend those deadlines. To facilitate the Committee's review of the joint motion, we hereby **ORDER** that the time for the Committee to rule on the joint motion is extended until May 24, 2017, subject to further extension if necessary.

Purpose of the Committee Conference

The purpose of the Committee Conference is to allow the Committee, the parties, and the public the opportunity to discuss the status of the proceeding, to consider any aspects of the Intervenors' joint motion not then already decided by the Committee, and to discuss the schedule, including additional hearings and briefing.

² TN 216505.

³ TN 216809.

⁴ TN 216641.

⁵ TN 216817.

Closed Session Deliberations

At any time during the Committee Conference, the Committee may adjourn to a closed session in accordance with California Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3), which allows a state body, including a delegated committee, to hold a closed session to deliberate on a decision to be reached in a proceeding the state body was required by law to conduct.

Transcripts

Parties are responsible for identifying errors in the transcripts of the proceedings. Corrections to the transcripts must be submitted to the Committee within 30 days of the filing of a transcript.

Public Participation

Members of the public are welcome to attend and offer oral or written comments at the Committee Conference. It is not necessary to be an intervenor to participate in the public process. Written comments may also be submitted electronically by visiting the website at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/puente>

and clicking on the “Submit e-Comment” link in the “Original Proceeding” box. Otherwise, written comments may be submitted by e-mailing them to docket@energy.ca.gov, or by U.S. Mail to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit
Docket No. 15-AFC-01
1516 Ninth Street, MS-4
Sacramento, CA 95814

For all comments, please include the document number and proceeding name, “Docket No. 15-AFC-01, Puente Power Project” in the subject line and on the cover page.

PLEASE NOTE: Your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, e-mail, etc.) become part of the viewable public record and may become available via search engines such as Google and Yahoo.

Public Advisor and Other Energy Commission Contacts

The Energy Commission’s Public Adviser’s Office provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission proceedings. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact Alana Mathews, the Public Adviser, at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4489, or toll free at (800) 822-6228.

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in the Committee Conference, contact Poneh Jones at least five days prior to the event at (916) 654-4425, or by e-mail at poneh.jones@energy.ca.gov.

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Paul Kramer, Hearing Officer, by e-mail at paul.kramer@energy.ca.gov or at (916) 654-5103.

Technical questions concerning the proposed project should be directed to Shawn Pittard, Staff Project Manager, by e-mail at shawn.pittard@energy.ca.gov or at (916) 654-4026.

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

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3. To have WebEx call you: Enter your phone number and click "Call Me."
4. To listen over the computer: If you have a broadband connection, and a headset or a computer microphone and speakers, you may use VoIP (Internet audio) by going to the Audio menu, clicking on "Use Computer Headset," then "Call Using Computer."

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Muting

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Availability of Documents

Information regarding the status of the proposed project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's web page at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/puente>.

Dated: April 17, 2017 at Sacramento, California

Original signed by _____
JANE A. SCOTT
Commissioner and Presiding Member
Puente Power Project AFC Committee

Original signed by _____
KAREN DOUGLAS
Commissioner and Associate Member
Puente Power Project AFC Committee

**Committee Conference Agenda
Puente Power Project
Friday, April 28, 2017, 9:30 a.m.**

**California Energy Commission
Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814**

1. Call to Order, Introductions
2. Committee Conference
 - a. Status of this Proceeding
 - b. Intervenors' Joint Motion filed March 21, 2017
 - c. Other pending motions
 - d. Schedule going forward, including timetables proposed by Commission Staff and the Applicant, briefing, hearing to receive additional evidence, etc.
3. Public Comment

Members of the public and other interested persons and entities may speak up to three minutes on a matter appearing on this agenda.
4. Closed Session (if necessary)⁶

Committee Closed Session consideration of the following item:

Application for Certification of the Puente Power Project.

Deliberation by the Committee on any matters submitted for decision by the Committee including, but not limited to, pending motions and scheduling.
5. Adjourn

A Spanish translation of the proceedings will be provided in the meeting room and via a WebEx meeting.

Agency Contact: Paul Kramer, Hearing Officer, at (916) 654-5103, or e-mail: paul.kramer@energy.ca.gov

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