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Subject: MISSION ROCK ENERGY CENTER (15-AFC-02) STAFF COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORT #19

Per the Committee's *Order Suspending Comment Period On Preliminary Staff Assessment Published November 27, 2017* (TN 222270), staff files the following comments regarding schedule and informational needs for the Mission Rock Energy Center proceeding. These comments also constitute Staff's Status Report #19, due on March 1, 2017.

PSA Workshop

Staff will conduct a Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) Workshop on March 27 and March 28, 2017. The PSA Workshop will present an opportunity to supplement the PSA with sufficient information to complete those technical sections deemed "indeterminate" in the PSA. Staff does not see the need to supplement or re-issue the PSA as the January 19, 2017 Order indicated. Instead, following the PSA Workshop and receipt of PSA Comments, staff is expecting to have the information necessary to make findings on laws, ordinance, regulations, and standards (LORS) compliance and project impacts that we were unable to make in the PSA, but will be able to make in the Final Staff Assessment (FSA). Additionally, staff looks forward to reviewing the comments submitted by the public and other parties in compliance with the deadline for any supplemental material that could also assist staff in writing the FSA.

Regarding the suspended PSA comment period, staff believes two weeks following the PSA Workshop should be adequate time for parties and the public to finalize and submit their PSA comments. The PSA will have been in public circulation for over four months.

As was indicated in our recent Status Report #18 (TN 222405), the PSA Workshop will be held in the city of Santa Paula at the Santa Paula Community Center. Staff will send notice of the workshop by March 12, 2018 as all parties to the proceeding are confirmed to attend.