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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE:

REDONDO BEACH ENERGY PROJECT

Docket No. 12-AFC-03

ORDER TERMINATING PROCEEDING

Background

On November 20, 2012, AES Southland, LLC (AES) submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the California Energy Commission (CEC)¹ to construct and operate the Redondo Beach Energy Project (Project) within the footprint of the existing AES Redondo Beach Generating Station located in Redondo Beach, California.²

Energy Commission staff (Staff) published the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) on July 28, 2014. Shortly after the PSA was published, AES requested that the proceedings be suspended while it pursued an initiative to allow the voters of Redondo Beach to approve a non-power plant related use for the Project site. The Committee granted the request in an order suspending the proceedings from September 2, 2014, to April 1, 2015.³

In March 2015, the initiative failed. AES believed that processing of the AFC would begin automatically on April 1, 2015. Staff and other parties held other interpretations of the Committee's suspension order. Processing of the AFC resumed in May 2015.⁴

On November 6, 2015, AES and the City of Redondo Beach, an intervenor in this proceeding, filed a "Petition for Suspension of the Application for Certification of the Redondo Beach Energy Project" (the Petition). The Petition sought a suspension until August 1, 2016.⁵

¹ The CEC is formally known as the "State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission." (Pub. Resources Code, § 25200.)

² TN 68597.

³ TN 203032.

⁴ TN 206771.

⁵ TN 206528.

The Petition was denied as to suspension to a date certain. Instead, the committee issued an order suspending the proceeding until AES or another party submitted a motion to reopen the proceeding, or until further order of the Committee. As such, the proceeding has been suspended since November 25, 2015.⁶

On April 7, 2020, AES filed a "Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Certification" (Notice). The Notice was properly dated and signed under penalty of perjury in compliance with CEC regulations. The Presiding Member shall issue a written order terminating proceedings upon receipt of a properly-executed notice of withdrawal.

Order

The Presiding Member therefore **ORDERS** that the AFC proceeding for the Redondo Beach Energy Project is **TERMINATED**. Docket Number 12-AFC-03 shall be closed. The records and documents of the proceeding shall continue to be maintained by the Docket Unit.

Dated: June 3, 2020

Approved by

KAREN DOUGLAS

Commissioner and Presiding Member Redondo Beach Energy Project AFC Committee

⁶ TN 206771. The order suspending the proceedings also provided that a party could move to terminate the proceedings.

⁷ TN 232688.

⁸ Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, §§ 1707, 1709.8(a).

⁹ Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, §1709.8(b).