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Subject: Please hold September 16, 2020, 10:00 a.m. for a Committee Conference

On July 13, 2020, the California Energy Commission¹ (CEC) Committee² designated to conduct proceedings on the application for a small power plant exemption for the Great Oaks South Backup Generating Facility³ (proposed Project) held a Committee Conference to review the current status of the proceeding, to address any outstanding issues, and to develop a schedule.⁴

On July 7, 2020, CEC staff (Staff) filed a memorandum that included issues identification, status report, and a proposed schedule the proposed Project.⁵ On August 7, 2020, Staff filed a memorandum updating its July 7, 2020 memorandum. In the August 7 update, Staff stated that in its July 7 memorandum it “recommended a schedule assuming, among other things, that it would likely produce an initial study and proposed mitigated negative declaration (MND).”⁶ Staff also stated that it now intends to prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) as its environmental review document for the proposed Project and has updated its proposed schedule to incorporate the additional tasks and comment period that the California Environmental Quality Act requires for an EIR.⁷

The CEC intends to hold a Committee Conference on September 16, 2020, at 10 a.m. to discuss, among other things, Staff’s proposal to prepare an EIR as the environmental review document for the proposed Project. A formal notice will follow.

¹ The CEC is formally known as the “State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.” (Pub. Resources Code, § 25200.) All subsequent citations are to the Public Resources Code unless otherwise specified.

² On May 13, 2020, the CEC appointed a Committee consisting of Karen Douglas, Commissioner and Presiding Member, and David Hochschild, Chair and Associate Member, to preside over this SPPE Application. (TN 233123.)

³ Information about this proceeding, including a link to the electronic docket, may be found on the CEC’s [web page](https://www2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/greatoakssouth/) at <https://www2.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/greatoakssouth/>. Documents related to this proceeding may be found in the [online docket](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-SPPE-01) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-SPPE-01>. The Application is TN 232466 and 232467-1 through 232467-3.

⁴ The transcript of the July 13, 2020 Committee Conference is TN 233988.

⁵ TN 233795.

⁶ TN 234271, p. 1.

⁷ *Id.* at p. 4.