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## Subject: STATUS REPORT #6 FOR THE GREAT OAKS SOUTH BACKUP GENERATING FACILITY SMALL POWER PLANT EXEMPTION (20-SPPE-01)

In the *Committee Conference and Related Orders* filed on September 23, 2020, the Committee ordered "the parties to file a status report no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month, beginning on September 10, 2020."

Staff is reviewing the Draft VMT Analysis (Data Request Set #2) docketed on February 1, 2021 by the applicant (TN 236541). A complete traffic analysis is an analysis that is approved by the City of San Jose Public Works and includes a detailed evaluation of the project's potential impacts related to vehicle miles traveled, a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan, and a Local Transportation Analysis. At this point, the Draft VMT Analysis includes transportation management measures but does not include a Transportation Management Plan, which will be needed for staff to complete its analysis, as both the TDM Plan and Local Transportation Analysis are required by the City of San Jose. CEC staff contacted public works staff with the city and learned that the initial review of the Draft VMT Analysis takes 20 working days and if subsequent reviews are necessary, that would add another 15 working days or more.

Staff is waiting for the updated project description that includes Tier 4 compliant backup generators and description of the associated impacts, that according to the applicant's Status Report #2, would be docketed within the next six weeks (estimated mid-February 2021).

Staff continues to make progress on the EIR in those areas unaffected by the project's conversion to Tier 4. Except for the complete traffic analysis and the Tier 4 project revisions discussed above, there are no other outstanding issues or information that could affect project schedule. Staff currently remains on track to publish the draft EIR in accordance with the Committee's current scheduling order.