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Subject: STATUS REPORT #15 FOR THE SAN JOSE DATA CENTER SMALL POWER PLANT EXEMPTION (19-SPPE-04)

In its May 12, 2020 order (Committee Scheduling Order), the Committee ordered all parties to file and serve a Status Report on the 15th of each month, beginning with May 15, 2020.

Since staff filed Status Report #14 on May 14, 2021, staff has continued to work on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). According to the applicant's status report #15 filed on June 15, 2021, the applicant is reassessing the technology used for the backup generators. The applicant is considering natural gas as one of the technologies. If a change of technology occurs, several technical sections would be affected, in particular, air quality, public health, greenhouse gas emissions, and alternatives, and to a lesser extent, biological resources, noise, and mandatory findings of significance. If and when staff receives confirmation that a change in technology will occur, staff will review the project changes and determine what if any these changes will have on the current project schedule. Staff anticipates providing more information in the July Status Report.

According to the applicant's June 15, 2021 Status Report #15, the applicant anticipates submitting a draft traffic analysis on June 15, 2021 and will file any comments received from the City of San Jose on the draft traffic analysis with the Commission, along with the applicant's response. Staff continues to make progress on the EIR in those areas unaffected by the transportation impact study, moving them through the review and quality control process.