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Subject: **Willow Pass Generating Station Project (08-AFC-6) STATUS REPORT 4**

Pursuant to the Committee Scheduling Order dated December 31, 2008, the following is staff's Status Report 4 for the proposed Willow Pass Generating Station (WPGS).

Current Issues and Preliminary Staff Assessment

Staff continues to work through their analysis in several critical areas; Biological Resources, Transmission System Engineering and Waste Management. Staff received data responses from the applicant dated June 28, 2009 which include nitrogen deposition studies. Staff has scheduled ongoing meetings with US EPA Region 9, Air Division, US Fish and Wildlife Service and CA Department of Fish and Game to discuss these studies. This discussion will permit staff to complete their analysis of nitrogen deposition, which could have an adverse impact on biological resources in the Antioch Dunes.

Staff found the third party initial System Impact Study for interconnection of the Willow Pass project to be incomplete and therefore, is relying on the Phase I Interconnection Study from California ISO for their analysis. The study should be available from California ISO in August.

The applicant has requested a delay in completing on-site soil gas sampling for volatile contaminants, a workplan for soil gas sampling and the preparation of a health risk assessment while they coordinate their efforts with PG&E. Discussions continue between the applicant and staff to determine the status of the on-site soil gas sampling and consider how delays will affect the schedule for the PSA.

Staff continues to work through the discovery and analysis phase and complete their Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) sections. To date, PSA sections have been completed in 14 of the 24 technical areas.

Schedule

Staff has no confirmed information from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) as to the release of the Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC). As a result, staff has delayed publication of the PSA.



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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
**FOR THE WILLOW PASS
GENERATING STATION**

Docket No. 08-AFC-6

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