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Watson Cogeneration Steam and Electric Reliability Project (09-AFC-1)

Pursuant to the Revised Committee Schedule, Staff published the Final Staff Assessment (FSA) on August 31, 2011 and conducted a FSA workshop on September 28, 2011.

STATUS REPORT #11 AND RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE ORDER

Final Staff Assessment Workshop Discussion

Soil and Water

Energy Commission Staff and the applicant continue to discuss the Soil and Water conditions. In particular, there are four central areas of disagreement regarding Water between Watson and the Energy Commission Staff:

- 1) Baseline fresh water use at Watson Cogen that would be the basis for a freshwater cap over all five trains (4219 afy (Energy Commission) v 4609 afy (Watson)),
- 2) Timing of an executed agreement for reclaimed water.
- 3) If water use exceeds the cap, Watson proposed allowing the CPM to adjust the freshwater cap. (Page 4.9.-59 of Watson's Revised Water section). Conditions proposed by Energy Commission Staff provide for a hard cap and would require an amendment for any freshwater water use above the cap.
- 4) Differences in how to quantify and identify the source of condensate return water.

Continuing the Water Discussion at the Pre-Hearing Conference

The applicant and Energy Commission Staff made good progress in bridging these differences at the September 28, 2011 FSA workshop and both sides would like to continue this discussion at the October 17, 2011 prehearing conference. Specifically, we propose that the Committee convene the conference and then adjourn to allow for a workshop among the parties to resolve the remaining issue. If, after some limited time, the parties cannot agree, the conference should continue and we will identify Water as an issue that must be adjudicated.

Air Quality

At the September 28, 2011 workshop, representatives from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) provided a letter and discussed their concerns regarding the prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) permit requirements for greenhouse gases (GHG).

As of September 28, 2011, the applicant had not filed its PSD application with either SCAQMD or with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The appropriate entity for filing the PSD application is currently the US EPA, but that will shift to the SCAQMD once they are deemed to have delegated authority or once their Rule 1714 is approved in the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The timing of these is uncertain; presently, the EPA has not

approved the State Implementation Plan for the SCAQMDs Rule 1714 nor have they proposed a delegation agreement with SCAQMD for PSD.

SCAQMD said that if and when they receive a PSD permit application, they would conduct an analysis and issue a PSD permit as an addendum or supplement the March 16, 2011 Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC). If the FDOC addendum revises or adds conditions of certification that are state or locally enforced, then the Energy Commission will need to adopt those changes so that the conditions of certification in the Air Quality GHG section are the same as the conditions listed in the FDOC.

October 7, 2011 Scheduled Filing

On October 7, 2011 Staff is required to file opening testimony, witness lists, and identification of contested issues. Please accept the Final Staff Assessment as Staff's opening testimony. The witness list (including and declarations and resumes) are included in the FSA.

The only contested issues that Staff have concern Soil and Water, which are identified above.



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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE WATSON COGENERATION STEAM AND ELECTRICITY RELIABILITY PROJECT

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I, <u>Maria Santourdjian</u>, declare that on, <u>October 7, 2011</u>, I served and filed copies of the attached <u>Status Report #11</u> and <u>Response to Committee Order for BP Watson Project (09-AFC-1)</u>, dated <u>October 7, 2011</u>. The original document, filed with the Docket Unit or the Chief Counsel, as required by the applicable regulation, is accompanied by a copy of the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: [www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/watson/index.html].

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