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Subject: HUNTINGTON BEACH ENERGY PROJECT (12-AFC-2) STAFF'S STATUS REPORT #1

This status report is being submitted per the 1/11/13 email from Hearing Officer Raoul Renaud, which directed the parties to submit status reports to the Committee to discuss the progress of the case.

PSA Preparation

Staff is continuing to prepare the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) while reviewing the Application for Certification (AFC) and subsequent filings, including Data Responses dated 11/2/12, 12/11/12, 1/17/13, and 1/22/13. The Applicant has indicated additional Data Responses will be submitted on 2/15/13.

The Applicant and Energy Commission staff have contacted the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and indicated that publication of the Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) is on schedule and staff should receive the PDOC by 1/31/13.

Future Staff Workshops

At this time staff does not plan to hold additional workshops prior to publication of the PSA.

Developments That Could Impact the Existing AFC Schedule

Staff is in receipt of the 1/9/13 letter from AES-Southland (Applicant) to the State Water Resources Control Board which outlined AES's concerns about proposed regulatory action by the SCAQMD Rule 1304.1 which would impose annual fees to electrical generating facilities for the use of offset exemptions. In addition, the letter outlines recent decisions by ALJ David M. Gamson for the CPUC which would limit procurement of power from new gasfired power plants in the Los Angeles local reliability area. AES has stated that either development could cause them to reconsider plans to build new facilities at the sites of the existing Huntington Beach, Redondo Beach and Alamitos Generating Stations.

Staff acknowledges the challenges imposed by these recent developments, but will continue to proceed with the project review pursuant to the Committee's 10/1/12 schedule. However, the likelihood that staff will be able to meet that schedule has been diminished. Staff is also preparing for evidentiary hearings for Hidden Hills, has direction from the Committee to publish the HECA PSA on March 1, 2013 and is finishing work on the Quail Brush PSA, currently scheduled for publication on February 22, 2013. Based on assigned workload priorities, therefore staff anticipates being able to publish the PSA for the Huntington Beach Energy Project on March 22, 2013.



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Docket No. 12-AFC-02 (Revised 12/24/12)

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I, Diane L. Scott, declare that on January 30, 2013, I served and filed a copy of the attached HUNTINGTON BEACH ENERGY PROJECT (12-AFC-02) STAFF'S STATUS REPORT #1, dated January 30, 2013. This document is accompanied by the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/huntington_beach_energy/index.html.

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Dated: January 30, 2013

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