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The Honorable Janea Scott, Presiding Member
The Honorable Karen Douglas, Associate Member
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Hearing Officer Raj Dixit
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**Re: Pomona Repower Project (16-SPPE-01)
Record of Conversation with CEC Staff Regarding SPPE**

Dear Commissioners and Hearing Officer Dixit:

On August 17, 2016, on behalf AltaGas Pomona Energy Inc. (“Applicant” or “AltaGas Pomona”), Jerry Salamy of CH2M Hill, along with my partner Melissa Foster and myself, spoke with CEC Project Manager Lon Payne and CEC Senior Staff Counsel Lisa DeCarlo about the battery storage project summarized in Applicant’s August 16, 2016 Update to Status Report #3 (TN# 212801). As explained during the call, Applicant is currently developing specific engineering and design elements of the project, and coordinating with the City of Pomona and the local fire department on related approvals. Depending on the final design for the battery storage project, the project description for the pending Pomona Repower SPPE application may be impacted. Once the battery storage plans are finalized, Applicant will be better able to provide CEC Staff with additional details as to whether changes will be required to the project description and the nature of any changes. Additionally, Applicant will be able to provide CEC Staff with additional technical information that may be relevant to CEC Staff’s review of the pending Pomona Repower SPPE application. Applicant anticipates that final design plans will be available within the next 3-4 weeks. Applicant has informed CEC Staff that the battery storage project will be placed in an existing building located onsite, which was to remain onsite as part of the proposed repower project.

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As reiterated to Staff, the battery storage project is separate and distinct from the Pomona Repower Project and has no effect on the CEC's jurisdiction over the pending SPPE application.¹

Applicant will provide Staff with additional details regarding potential revisions to the Pomona Repower project description as soon as practicable and will inform the Siting Committee and Hearing Officer of such progress in the September 15, 2016 Status Report. In the meantime, if Staff has any questions, please feel free to contact me or Jerry Salamy, CH2M Hill, at 916-286-0207.

Very truly yours,



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¹ The CEC has exclusive jurisdiction over the siting of any thermal power plant with a generating capacity of 50 MW or more. (Pub. Resources Code § 25120.) The Pomona Repower project involves a proposed thermal power plant with a generating capacity of greater than 50 MW but less than 100 MW over the existing generation at the site, and, thus, falls within the scope of the small power plant exemption ("SPPE") process. The battery storage project is not a "thermal power plant with a generating capacity of 50MW or more," and, thus, does not fall under CEC jurisdiction. Moreover, the Pomona Repower project will remain within the threshold for the SPPE process. The battery storage system is a Non Generating Resource (NGR) as defined by the CAISO, and will operate distinctly from the Pomona Repower project. There are no proposed changes to the generating capacity of the Pomona Repower project.