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Notice of Siting Committee Workshop for the AES Huntington Beach Retool Project (00-AFC-13C) to Discuss the Impingement and Entrainment Study and Staff's Impacts Analysis and Recommendations

The California Energy Commission Siting Committee will conduct a workshop to discuss the Impingement and Entrainment Study and Staff's Impacts Analysis and recommendations which are based on that study.

Energy Commission staff have reviewed the study results and are currently completing their Impacts Analysis Report which will be available on the Commission's web site (www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/huntingtonbeach/compliance/index.html) no later than July 14, 2006. Energy Commission staff will separately notice the availability of the Impacts Analysis Report. Following the workshop, the Siting Committee will consider the comments it receives and a final recommendation will be made to the Commission. A public hearing for the purpose of approving or denying the recommendations will be held at a regularly scheduled Energy Commission business meeting.

The workshop will be held:

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2006
10 a.m.
HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY CHAMBERS
2000 Main Street
Lower Level
Huntington Beach, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

DOCKET
00-AFC-13C
DATE <u>JUL 11 2006</u>
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To participate in the meeting by phone,
please call 888-730-9135 by 10:00 a.m.
Passcode: Fish Call Leader: Rick York

Purpose

The purpose for this workshop is to allow the technical working group, which includes Energy Commission staff, agencies, and the project owner, to present their analyses and recommendations based on the results of the impingement and entrainment study. The Siting Committee would like to allow the public and other agencies an opportunity to review the study and staff analysis and provide comments prior to the Committee making a final recommendation to the Commission at a regularly scheduled business meeting.

Background

AES Huntington Beach Retool Project was certified by the Energy Commission on May 10, 2001. A Petition for Reconsideration was filed by AES on June 11, 2001. On July 11, 2001 the Commission conducted a hearing to review the written comments filed in the proceeding and to hear oral argument from the parties and public. The Commission granted the Petition for Reconsideration on July 11, 2001. Units 3 and 4 (225 megawatts each) became operational on January 1, and August 7, 2003, respectively. The units use the existing cooling water intake and outfall structures which are located approximately 1,500 feet offshore. This operation causes impingement and entrainment of aquatic resources in the cooling water intake structure.

The Commission's Decision on this project required the project owner to fund and participate in a one-year monitoring program of Huntington Beach Generating Station impingement and entrainment losses, conduct a cumulative effects analysis on nearshore fish populations, and if appropriate provide mitigation. The results of that report, the staff analysis of the report and the proper level of mitigation are the subject of this workshop.

Written Comments

Parties wishing to file written comments for presentation at the workshop are encouraged to submit them by noon on July 24, 2006. Additional comments will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on August 2, 2006. Please include the docket number 00-AFC-13C and the title *Comments for the Siting Committee Workshop on the Impingement and Entrainment Study and Staff Impacts Analysis* in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand deliver or mail to:

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The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or your organization's name in the e-mail. Those submitting comments via e-mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format, or as a Portable Document (PDF), to: jreinhar@energy.state.ca.us. One original paper copy must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit.

Participants may also provide the original with 10 copies at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Unit and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Public Participation

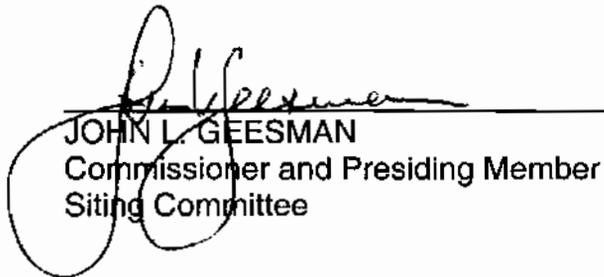
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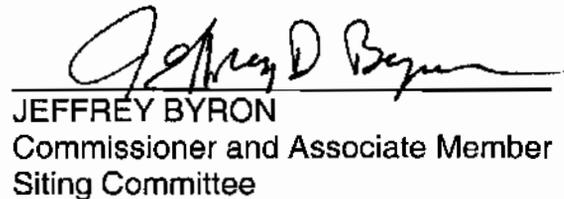
(916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at [pao@energy.state.ca.us]. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

Please direct all news media inquiries to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director, at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail to: cchandle@energy.state.ca.us.

For technical questions on the subject matter, please call Rick York, Supervisor of the Biological and Cultural Resources Unit, at 916-654-3975 or e-mail to: ryork@energy.state.ca.us.

Dated: 7-11-06


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