

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
FOR
AES HUNTINGTON BEACH RETOOL PROJECT (00-AFC-13C)
HUNTINGTON BEACH UNITS 3 AND 4 ENTRAINMENT AND IMPINGEMENT STUDY
AND
ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF'S
HUNTINGTON BEACH UNITS 3 AND 4 ENTRAINMENT AND IMPINGEMENT
RESULTS AND MITIGATION OPTIONS**

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) that became operational on January 1, and August 7, 2003, respectively, 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. Therefore, 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 technical report resulting from that requirement and the Energy Commission staff analysis of that report and mitigation options and recommendations, are available on the Internet at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/huntingtonbeach/index.html> and in alternative format upon request.

The Energy Commission's Siting Committee will be conducting a workshop on the entrainment and impingement study and staff's analysis and mitigation options on July 25, 2006, in Huntington Beach. The workshop will be separately noticed. The public and local, State and federal agencies are encouraged to participate. Written comments should be sent to Rick York, Supervisor of the Biological and Cultural Resources Unit at ryork@energy.state.ca.us by July 24, 2006.

If you would like to receive a hard copy of the staff analysis and mitigation options, please contact Marci Errecart, Compliance Unit Secretary, at (916) 654-3927. Technical questions should be directed to Rick York at (916) 654-3945. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Executive Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail to: mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

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