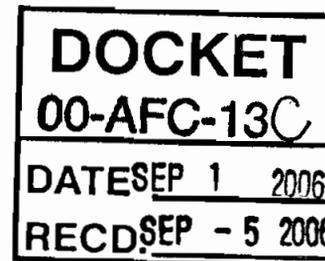




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Hon. Jackalyne Pfannenstiel
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Re: AES Huntington Beach Retool Project for Units 3 & 4
Docket No. 00-AFC-13

Dear Madam Chair:

I write to request that the above-referenced matter which is currently scheduled to be heard at your business meeting on September 14, 2006 be put over for thirty days to allow time for an appropriate consultation process to occur on the differences which remain between your staff's view of the conditions which should apply to the retooling of Units 3 & 4 and our own.

As you know from the terms of the original certification, consultation between CEC staff and assigned AES professionals was to occur periodically on certain issues, including a significant effort on the impingement, entrainment and mitigation issues addressed in conditions BIO 4 and BIO 5. Unfortunately, while we participated fully in the technical work groups, our contributions never elicited any meaningful dialogue or discussion on the merits. As a result, we remain at significant loggerheads with regard to the recommendations from your staff that we respectfully regard as ill-founded, beyond the scope of the original certification, and thoroughly uneconomic.

We believe that it could be productive for the professionals from both of our entities to explore a more salutary set of approaches to the outstanding issues. We hope that you will concur that at a minimum thirty additional days might be helpful in bringing this about.

I have attached our letter of August 4, 2006 to Mr. Richins which outlines in details our objections. I thank you in advance for your consideration of our views and our request.

Very truly yours,

Eric Pendergraft
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