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

At its September 14, 2006 Business Meeting of the California Energy Commission, the California Energy Commission considered the Energy Commission staff's and the Energy Facilities Siting Policy Committee's mitigation recommendation for the impingement and entrainment impacts of the AES Huntington Beach Retool Project. The Commission postponed a decision on the recommendation of the Energy Facilities Siting Policy Committee until the September 27, 2006 Business Meeting in response to a request from AES that it be allowed to submit a reduced operational schedule for the purpose of lowering the mitigation obligation. To allow all interested parties to the proceeding an opportunity to discuss the issues associated with the proposal AES will submit, staff is scheduling a workshop. Following the workshop a final recommendation will be made to the Commission at its September 27, 2006, Business Meeting. The Commission will either approve, modify or deny the recommendation.

The workshop will be held:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2006
2:00 pm, Pacific Daylight Time
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room B
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

The meeting will also be available through WebEx where you can participate by toll free telephone and computer to see any documents that are being shared during the workshop.

Meeting number: 924 518 110
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To contact Roger Johnson, call 1-916-654-5100 or,
send a message to this address: rjohnson@energy.state.ca.us

If you are attending the meeting in person and have documents to share, please bring it electronically (CD or USB Jump Drive, etc.)

If you are attending the meeting via WebEx and have documents to share, please contact Rick York at 916 654-3945 or email to ryork@energy.state.ca.us.

Purpose

Staff's Impingement and Entrainment Impacts Analysis Report (www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/huntington beach/compliance/index.html) has a recommended level of mitigation of the restoration of 104 acres the Huntington Beach wetlands at a cost of $7,956,000 based on the maximum permitted flows. AES believes that actual measured historic flows and the 10-year limit on the license should be considered to determine the appropriate level of mitigation. These topics will be the subject of discussion at the workshop by AES, Energy Commission staff and the other agencies that are members of the technical advisory group. After the workshop, the Energy Commission staff will decide whether it is appropriate to recommend an alternative mitigation proposal to the Energy Commission for their consideration at the September, 27, 2006 Business Meeting based upon a revised operating profile from AES.

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.

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 near shore fish populations, and if appropriate provide mitigation.

Written Comments

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: dstone@energy.state.ca.us. One original paper copy must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit.

Staff requests that AES, and any other party wishing to present mitigation proposals for consideration at the workshop, provide the proposal details, assumptions and supporting data electronically to Donna Stone, Compliance Project Manager, at dstone@energy.state.ca.us by 5:00 pm on September 20, 2006.

Workshop 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

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser, Margret J. Kim, provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (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.

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

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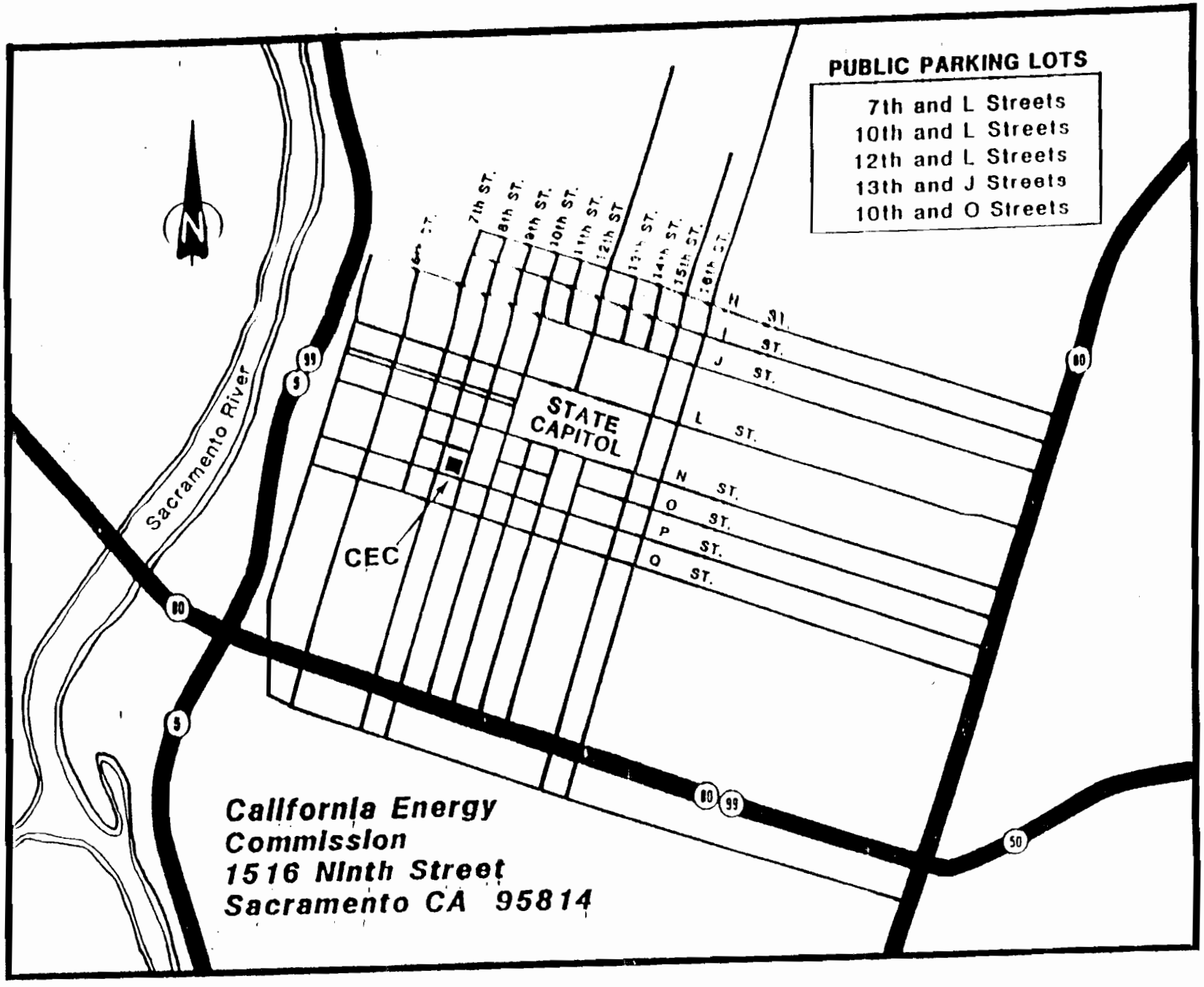
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