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Subject: CARLSBAD ENERGY CENTER PROJECT (07-AFC-6) STATUS REPORT #8

Pursuant to the Revised Committee Scheduling Order dated December 26, 2008, staff issues Status Report (#8) for the proposed Carlsbad Energy Center Project (CECP) Application for Certification (AFC).

Discovery subsequent to Status Report #7, filed on June 5, 2009

The discovery and analysis phase for the proposed CECP is predominately complete. Initially culminating with the publication of the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) in early December of 2008, subsequent work pursued towards the completion of the Final Staff Assessment (FSA) has been lengthy and has lasted longer than anticipated. As detailed in previous status reports issued after the PSA, work on the Carlsbad proceeding has involved public workshops, hearings, motions, pleadings, extensive filings and numerous reports by all seven official parties to this proceeding. Staff continues to appreciate the patience of the Committee and all parties to the proceeding during this protracted period between the publication of the PSA and the publication of the FSA. The following provides the Committee a summary of staff's outstanding technical analysis, as well as provides the anticipated date for the publication of the FSA.

Status of Outstanding Technical Analysis

AIR QUALITY / PUBLIC HEALTH

The San Diego Air Pollution Control District will release their Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC) on or before Friday, July 24, 2009. Staff's incorporation of the FDOC into the Air Quality and Public Health sections of the FSA will be expedited to the greatest degree possible, given extraneous constraints discussed below.

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FSA Publication

Staff is planning to complete its review, incorporate the FDOC, and submit the last of the FSA sections to management by July 30, 2009. Management and legal review require 2 weeks, document formatting requires one week, and production and distribution requires a week. The end result is staff requires four weeks of lead time after the final document is written by technical staff. It is also worth noting that staff is mandated to take three furlough days per month, which will reduce staff's availability by nearly a week between now and the end of August. In addition, there has been a significant curtailment in staff's ability to work overtime. The result of these scheduling factors is that staff plans to publish the FSA by August 27, 2009.

cc : Docket (07-AFC-6)
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