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California Energy Commission
 Compliance Unit
 Attn: Christine Stora
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-2000
 Sacramento, CA 95814

File: IGR/CEQA
 Log #: 3124
 SR-1

Subject: Huntington Beach Generating Station, Units 3 and 4

Dear Ms. Stora,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the **Petition to Amend the Energy Commission Decision or the Huntington Beach Generating Retool Project (00-AFC-13C)**. The modification proposed in the petition would convert the existing HBGS Units 3 and 4 from electric utility steam generators to synchronous condensers after Units 3 and 4 are decommissioned. The synchronous condenser project will entail the decoupling of the HBGS units 3 and 4 steam turbines from the electrical generators and the installation of a Variable Frequency Drive, a 4.16 kilovolt pony motor, and ancillary equipment to convert the generators into electrical motors.

The nearest State route to the project is SR-1.

The California Department of Transportation (Department), District 12 is a commenting agency on this project and has the following comments:

1. If any project work (e.g. storage of materials, street widening, emergency access improvements, sewer connections, sound walls, storm drain construction, street connections, etc.) will occur in the vicinity of the Department's Right-of-Way, an encroachment permit is required prior to commencement of work. Please allow 2 to 4 weeks for a complete submittal to be reviewed and for a permit to be issued. When applying for an Encroachment Permit, please incorporate Environmental Documentation, SWPPP/ WPCP, Hydraulic Calculations, Traffic Control Plans, Geotechnical Analysis, Right-of-Way certification and all relevant design details including design exception approvals. For specific details on the Department's Encroachment Permits procedure, please refer to the Department's Encroachment Permits Manual. The latest edition of the manual is available on the web site: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developscriv/permits/>

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2. All work performed within the Department's Right-of-Way shall be in accordance with the Department's Standard Specifications, Standard Plans, Encroachment Permit manual, and the California MUTCD.

Please continue to keep us informed of this project and any future developments, which could potentially impact State transportation facilities. If you have any questions or need to contact us, please do not hesitate to contact Farhad Edward Khosravi at ed_khosravi@dot.ca.gov or (949) 724-2338.

Sincerely,



Christopher Herre, Branch Chief
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