

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



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Application of Southern California Edison
Company (U338E) for Approval of the
Results of Its 2013 Local Capacity
Requirements Request for Offers for the
Moorpark Sub-Area.

Application 14-11-016
(Filed November 26, 2014)

**NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION OF
NRG CALIFORNIA SOUTH LP**

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Pursuant to Rules 8.3 and 8.4 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”), NRG California South LP (“NRG”) provides this notice of an ex parte communication.

On May 19, 2016, John Chillemi, President of NRG's general partner, sent a letter to each of the Commissioners and copied the following advisors: Nick Chaset, Chief of Staff to President Picker, Charlyn Hook, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Florio, David Gamson, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Peterman, Sean Simon, Energy Advisor to Commissioner Randolph, and Michael Colvin, Energy Advisor to Commissioner Sandoval. The letter was served on the service list to this proceeding on the same day that it was sent to the Commissioners and their advisors. A copy of the letter is attached to this notice.

In the letter, Mr. Chillemi states that the Ormond Beach Generating Station will retire by the December 31, 2020 deadline for compliance with the once-through cooling regulation adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board.

To receive a copy of this ex parte notice, please contact Sean Beatty at 415.627.1639 or sean.beatty@nrg.com.

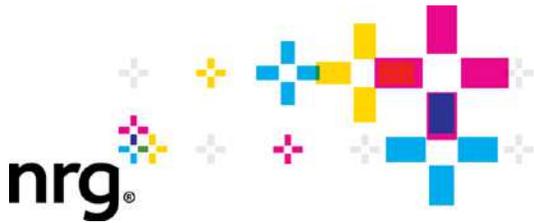
Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT



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Via U.S. Mail and Electronic Mail

President Michael J. Picker
Commissioner Michael P. Florio
Commissioner Carla J. Peterman
Commissioner Liane M. Randolph
Commissioner Catherine J.K. Sandoval
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

Re: Retirement of the Ormond Beach Generating Station

Dear President Picker and Commissioners:

I write on behalf of NRG California South LP (“NRG South”), the owner and operator of the Ormond Beach Generating Station (“Ormond Beach” or “OBGS”), to confirm that NRG South will retire Ormond Beach permanently by December 31, 2020.

Recent ex parte communications and a pending motion to reopen the record in Docket No. A.14-11-016 (“Motion”) have alleged that NRG South intends to continue operating Ormond Beach after December 31, 2020, which is the deadline for Ormond Beach to achieve compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board (“State Water Board”) Statewide Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling (“OTC Policy”). NRG South has stated that it does not intend to continue operating Ormond Beach after 2020. On May 6, 2016, NRG South notified the State Water Board in an update to the Ormond Beach compliance plan that NRG South has discontinued the impingement and entrainment studies that are required by the OTC Policy to preserve a “Track 2” compliance option (“May 6th Update”). The May 6th Update informed the State Water Board that NRG South does not intend to continue operating Ormond Beach after its 2020 compliance date. On May 13, 2016, NRG South filed a response to the Motion (“NRG Response”) that described the May 6th Update, and confirmed that Track 2 is no longer a compliance option for Ormond Beach. The NRG Response also confirmed that, barring extraordinary action by the State Water Board, there is no possibility that Ormond Beach will operate after its 2020 compliance deadline.

On May 16, 2016, the California Environmental Justice Alliance served a proposed reply to the NRG Response which states that “[s]imply claiming to have abandoned entrainment studies does not mean NRG will retire OBGS.” This indicates a perceived ambiguity in the May 6th Update and the NRG Response. NRG South submits this letter to eliminate any such ambiguity.

NRG South will retire Ormond Beach permanently by the December 31, 2020 deadline for compliance with the OTC Policy. It is possible that Ormond Beach could retire before the deadline, depending on whether it is needed for reliability purposes. But not later than December 31, 2020, NRG South will retire Ormond Beach permanently.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Chillemi".

John Chillemi
President, NRG California South GP LLC,
General Partner of NRG California South LP

cc: Service List in A.14-11-016
Nick Chaset – Chief of Staff to President Picker
Charlyn Hook – Legal Advisor to Commissioner Florio
David Gamson – Chief of Staff to Commissioner Peterman
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