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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Energy Resources Conservation
and Development Commission**

In the Matter of:

Application for Certification of the
Willow Rock Energy Storage Center

Docket No. 21-AFC-02

**WILLOW ROCK ENERGY STORAGE CENTER
SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
STATUS REPORT NO. 11**

Pursuant to the *Committee’s Fourth Revised Scheduling Order* issued on April 15, 2025 (“Committee Order”),¹ GEM A-CAES LLC (the “Applicant”) submits this *Supplemental Application for Certification Status Report No. 11* to inform the Committee of the progress of the Application for Certification proceeding for the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center (the “WRESC”).

I. SCHEDULE AND PRELIMINARY STAFF ASSESSMENT

The publication of the Preliminary Staff Assessment (“PSA”) on April 29, 2025 was a significant milestone.² The June 5, 2025, PSA Workshop held in Kern County and the June 11, 2025 remote-only workshop were both productive as well.

The Applicant successfully submitted its written comments on the PSA on June 16, 2025. These events are important milestones to ensure timely consideration of this important project, and the Applicant appreciates the Committee’s foresight and diligence.

II. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

The PSA workshops were beneficial for all who participated, focused primarily on the Applicant’s subject matter experts engaging with the Staff. These events and the Publication of the PSA have resulted in numerous statements of support for the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center, as reflected in the Docket for Willow Rock.³ Approximately thirty letters of support for Willow Rock have been docketed, including expressions of support from many individuals as well as key business and community groups such as chambers of commerce, representatives of local governments, community college districts, the Kern Economic Development Corp, and various community service entities.

¹ TN #: 262690.

² TN #: 262850

³ <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-AFC-02>

CONCLUSION

The Applicant appreciates the significant milestones achieved since the last Status Report, particularly the closing of the comment period on the Preliminary Staff Assessment and the notice regarding the WRESC Prehearing Conference and Evidentiary Hearings. The Applicant looks forward to continuing to work with all Parties and the public to advance this important long duration energy storage project, which is key to meeting California's climate and energy goals while maintaining reliability of the grid.

Dated: June 26, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

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