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**Subject: STAFF STATUS REPORT #11 FOR THE WILLOW ROCK ENERGY  
STORAGE CENTER (21-AFC-02)**

In its *Fourth Revised Committee Scheduling Order* filed April 15, 2025 (TN 262690), the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center AFC Committee (Committee) for the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center (WRESC) proceeding ordered the parties to “continue submitting monthly status reports no later than the 26th day of every month” and further clarified that “[s]tatus reports shall inform the Committee whether the case is progressing satisfactorily and bring potential delays and other relevant matters to the Committee’s attention.”

Since the previous Status Report #10 was filed to the docket on May 23, 2025, the following items were filed to the Willow Rock docket.

On May 23, 2025, CEC staff filed, Notice of Preliminary Staff Assessment Technical and Mitigation Workshop Willow Rock Energy Storage Center (TN 263301).

On June 9, 2025, CEC staff filed, Presentation Slides for the Preliminary Staff Assessment Workshop, Community of Mojave, Kern County, June 5, 202521-AFC-02 (TN 264132).

In accordance with California Code of Regulation, title 20, section 1711, CEC staff hosted a publicly noticed hybrid workshop on the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) in Mojave, California, on June 5, 2025. On June 10, the CEC hosted a follow-up remote-only workshop, primarily to allow for additional public comment and discussion. Major topics discussed included Biological Resources, Water Resources, Visual Resources, and Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources. The 45-day public comment period on the PSA closed on June 16, 2025.

Staff received 37 comment letters on the PSA and is working diligently to respond to comments and prepare the Final Staff Assessment. Staff has not received the Preliminary Geotechnical and Geological Hazards Report by Yeh and Associates, dated March 28, 2024, initially requested from the applicant on April 7, 2025 via email. Staff

followed up the request during the June 6 PSA workshop. The applicant indicated in an email June 18 that it will be submitted as a confidential application.

Staff will continue to follow the directives of the *Fourth Revised Committee Scheduling Order* and provide regular updates to the Committee.