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**Applicability of Public Resource Code Section 25545.4(e)(2) and
Schedule Change for the Compass Energy Storage Project (24-OPT-02)**

Dear Renée L. Robin:

This letter is to notify you that under Public Resources Code section 25545.4(e)(2), and California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1879(a), CEC staff will extend the time to issue the staff assessment (SA), which includes the draft environmental impact report (DEIR), beyond 150 days; therefore, the time for the project to be considered at a Business Meeting will also be extended beyond 270 days. Under section 25545.4(e)(2), the time to certify the environmental impact report or issue a certificate for the site and related facilities may be extended if certain conditions occur. Specifically, section 25545.4(e)(2)(B) and (C), respectively, independently authorize an extension under the following circumstances:

(B) Substantial changes are proposed in the project that may involve new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.

(C) Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that may involve new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.

On July 11, 2025, the project applicant filed a letter to the docket (TN 264698) informing CEC staff that substantial changes to the project and the circumstances under which the project is undertaken have occurred or will occur. These changes may involve new significant environmental effects. Specifically,

the project applicant's letter identified potential impacts related to geologic hazards.

The project applicant's July 11 letter included:

- 1) Information that the Applicant received regarding increased erosion and slope stabilizations conditions in the last 12 months;
- 2) Applicant's stated intent to make design changes based on new information received regarding increased erosion and slope stabilization conditions along Oso Creek;
- 3) Applicant's request for CEC staff's geotechnical analysis on the current application to be paused to allow applicant to submit additional design and technical materials;
- 4) Applicant's anticipated submittal of additional design and technical materials within 60 days of the date of the letter; and
- 5) Applicant's understanding this may impact the 270-day decision schedule.

Previously, staff identified September 26, 2025, as a target date for filing the SA. Staff requires additional time to review the new information, including the applicant's updated design and technical materials once submitted, and to conduct follow-up discovery as necessary.

If you have any questions about this letter, please email Eric Knight, Siting and Environmental Branch Manager, at eric.knight@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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