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**Re: Staff Response to City of San Juan Capistrano's Invoice
Reimbursement #1**

Dear Paul Garcia:

The California Energy Commission (CEC) has received the City of San Juan Capistrano's letter dated September 12, 2025, requesting reimbursement for the attached invoices for expenses the City represents it has incurred in connection with review of the Compass Energy Storage Project Opt-In application ([TN 266001](#)).

Under California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1878.1, subdivision (d), reimbursement invoices cannot be considered until the proposed budget has been approved. While the CEC found the budget was complete by the letter dated June 11, 2025 ([TN 264193](#)), the applicant has filed an objection ([TN 264129](#)) to the City's proposed budget. The CEC has not yet approved that budget, thus, the invoices are premature.

The CEC previously issued an instruction ([TN 264446](#)) to the City to meet with the applicant and attempt to resolve the budget dispute before seeking reimbursement, and to provide CEC staff with an update of progress reached. An update was not provided so it is unclear if discussions were held. We ask again that the City meet with the applicant and attempt to resolve the budget dispute and provide an update on the outcome of those discussions so that next steps can be determined.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the process is consistent with applicable regulations.

Sincerely,

Brett Fooks

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