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Marisa Mitchell
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**DARDEN CLEAN ENERGY PROJECT (23-OPT-02C) LIMITED NOTICE TO
PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES**

Dear Marisa Mitchell,

On June 11, 2025, the California Energy Commission (CEC) approved a certification for the Darden Clean Energy Project (23-OPT-02) under the CEC's Opt-In Certification Program. On December 4, 2025, CEC staff received a request for a Limited Notice to Proceed (LNTP) to be issued for limited activities at the Darden Clean Energy Project – "Establishment of Subgrade for the Substation and BESS Pad in Conjunction with Pre-Seeding and Related Actions".

The proposed activities include:

- Construct subgrade for substation and BESS pad, located near the laydown yard near the northeast corner of S Napa and W Davis avenues. Subgrade for substation and the BESS pad will be constructed to design elevation and density requirements to support structural fill and equipment foundations.
- Work includes stripping, proof-rolling, subgrade compaction, import of engineered fill, and fine grading.

CEC staff has reviewed the relevant Conditions of Certification (COCs) associated with the substation and BESS pad request and determined that the proposed actions may commence as described above as of January 1, 2026. These activities are only being approved in accordance with applicable COCs related to the Substation and BESS Pad activities pursuant to the Darden Clean Energy Project Decision (Decision).

No other ground disturbing or construction activities are authorized at this time other than those previously approved in the Harlan BAAH switchyard LNTP (TN 266837) and Pre-Seeding LNTP (TN 267754). Darden Clean Energy Project will be given a full notice to proceed for all construction activities after all pre-construction COC submittals are received and approved as required by the Decision. CEC staff will continue to work closely with Intersect Power to ensure conformance with all COCs as written in the Decision.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Compliance Project Manager Joseph Douglas, Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Unit, Safety and Reliability Branch, at (916) 956-9527 or e-mail at joseph.douglas@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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