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Mr. Drew Bohan
Executive Director
California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Compass Energy Storage Project (24-OPT-02): Request for Time Extension

Dear Director Bohan:

Compass Energy Storage LLC, as the applicant, hereby requests that the California Energy Commission (CEC) suspend processing the Compass application to allow sufficient time for Compass to analyze alternative sites to the Rancho Capistrano property, along with resource adequacy and market changes, in order to improve the economic viability of the Project. The CEC has the authority to suspend/pause the Compass Project application pursuant to Pub. Res. Code sec. 25545.4(e)(2) to allow for consideration of alternative sites. Further, the length of the extension of time given is within the CEC's discretion.

Under AB 205, the California Energy Commission (CEC) has significant authority to extend the 270-day timeline for preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and taking final action on an application when certain circumstances arise. For example, Pub. Res. Code sec. 25545.4(e)(2) gives the CEC the ability to extend the timeline for preparing the EIR and considering the project if any one of a variety of factors occur, including but not limited to: (B) substantial changes being made to the project, (D) new information of substantial importance that was not known and could not have been known comes to light, or (F) the applicant states a reasonable need for additional time through a filing in the docket. All of these factors apply to Compass's request to suspend/pause the Project application.

This request is being made at this time because certain commercial aspects about the current site have influenced the economic viability of the Project, requiring Compass to re-evaluate the location. Compass is renewing efforts to identify an alternative location to implement our existing transmission position, including by evaluating whether conditions have changed at alternative sites that would render one or more viable for the Project.

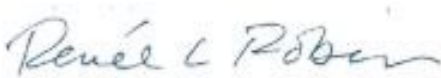
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We are grateful to the CEC and its “Opt-In” program staff for their diligent efforts to date, the local partnerships we have formed during this process, and the community participation throughout the Project’s development.

While this specific Project is on hold as we evaluate siting options, ENGIE remains committed to working with the City of San Juan Capistrano, Orange County, other local jurisdictions across California, and the CEC to advance clean, reliable, affordable, and safe electricity solutions.

Currently, we have more than 20 utility scale battery storage projects and over 6.25GW of solar and storage projects in active development within California. In addition, we have 250 MW of standalone BESS in operation or construction. These projects support California’s long-term goal of deploying over 45 gigawatts of energy storage by 2045. We develop, build, and operate our projects with a long-term view and accountability to our partners and will do everything possible to find a solution for the Compass project in an effort to deliver on the many advantages it would bring.

Sincerely yours,



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