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Pursuant to the *Joint Order Partially Granting Applicants' Motion to Suspend and Further Orders* issued on March 20, 2025 ("March 20th Joint Order"),¹ Morton Bay Geothermal LLC ("the Applicant"), provides this *Status Report No. 20* describing any new project-related developments during the pendency of the suspension period for the Application for Certification ("AFC") proceeding of the Morton Bay Geothermal Project ("MBGP" or the "Project").

The Applicant continues to actively engage with the community regarding geothermal development in Imperial County, including:

- Imperial Valley Community Foundation honored BHE Renewables with the Philanthropic Corporation of the Year award for making significant positive contributions and impacts to the Imperial County community.
- BHE Renewables provided Thanksgiving turkeys to residents of Calipatria, California, in collaboration with City of Calipatria and Golden State Water Company, by expanding the Operation Gobble Gobble program.
- In advance of Thanksgiving, BHE Renewables' Women in Renewable Energy employee resource group, in collaboration with WomanHaven, provided home care packages to families transitioning from the WomanHaven shelter to living in their own homes.
- BHE Renewables' Women in Renewable Energy group, in collaboration with the Calipatria Chamber of Commerce, donated blankets to seniors in the towns of Calipatria and Niland, California, as part of the Reason for the Season program.
- Employees volunteered with Imperial Valley Food Bank with food packing and food distribution in towns of Westmorland and Calipatria, California, in advance of the holidays.

The Applicant continues to evaluate solicitations and engage with creditworthy, potential offtake customers while the Applicant evaluates the viability of geothermal development opportunities in the Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resource Area.

The Applicant learned that a nomination package was submitted for the proposed Southeast Lake Cahuilla Active Volcanic District to the National Register of Historic Places ("Proposed

¹ TN:262254.

District’’). The Applicant is awaiting information on the boundaries of the Proposed District in the nomination application to determine whether the Project lies within the boundaries of the nominated area and whether the nomination will impact the Project.

Status of Outstanding Information Items

On March 5, 2025, California Energy Commission Staff identified in its *Status Report # 17* the information items necessary to complete the Final Staff Assessment for the Project. The Applicant continues to progress on these items and provides the following updates:

- Salton Sea Impact Assessment:
 - An updated draft of the Project’s Salton Sea Impact Assessment was completed and provided to the Imperial Irrigation District on October 31, 2025. The Applicant is coordinating a meeting with the Imperial Irrigation District to discuss the updated draft.

The Applicant continues to work diligently to pursue advancement of the MBGP.

Dated: December 30, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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