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Re: Compass Energy Storage Project – Status Update, May 2026

We are pleased to provide the CEC with this update on the status of the Compass project for the month of May 2026, including the ongoing efforts to secure an alternative site for the project. As previously noted, this information is to inform the CEC of our progress in response to the recently approved suspension of the processing the Opt-in application for the Compass Energy Storage Project (TN 268025),

We are continuing our efforts to bring the project back into active status by conducting additional due diligence and landowner outreach on multiple sites within a feasible distance from the Trabuco-Capistrano transmission line. We have continued our outreach to public, private and NGO stakeholders in the vicinity and have increased our internal project economic modelling taking into consideration the existing LGIA and market conditions. The following is a summary of those efforts to date:

#### 1. Site Assessment and landowner outreach

- a. As noted in our prior updates, Engie Development staff has expanded our internal mapping and desktop due diligence on approximately 4 of the previously vetted sites and the corresponding gen-tie options in the vicinity of the Trabuco-Capistrano transmission line. These sites are primarily urban infill locations, as well as the nearby Landfill, where approximately 13 acres might be suitable for a BESS project.
- b. We have conducted site visits and are conducting physical site due diligence on two sites to evaluate their suitability. We will conduct geotech and biological analyses on any sites before entering into any agreements with landowners.
- c. We have had direct meetings with several landowners for these sites and are in active negotiations with at least two of those landowners on possible terms. Our focus in these negotiation is to consolidate several parcels for adequate acreage to accommodate the energy storage and related transmission infrastructure. We will notify interested stakeholders and the CEC if one or more of these sites are secured.

#### 2. Stakeholder Outreach

Engie staff and consultants have continued our contacts with key stakeholders and have held additional in person or virtual meetings to discuss next steps for the Compass project. Each of these meetings has provided additional insights into key siting parameters, as well as possible alternative locations for our consideration.

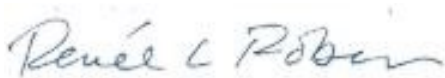
- a. We have continued to communicate with OCFA staff on possible site locations.
- b. We are seeking to reschedule our meeting with the Orange County Firefighters IAFF Local 3631 (originally set for 4/28, but being rescheduled for May /June 2026)
- c. We are requesting a new meeting with Orange County officials regarding the landfill site and related transmission options.

### 3. Economic Analysis and Interconnection

- a. Engie has maintained its Large Generator Interconnection Agreement (LGIA) with CAISO and has continued our monthly meetings with SDGE on this project.
- b. Engie is continuing to review comparable equipment procurement options as part of project cost analysis.
- c. Engie is running additional internal financial models for the potential site alternatives and continue to revise project schedule changes to assess feasibility and deliverability.

We will continue to update the Commission staff on any new developments in these site transition efforts. Please let us know if you have additional questions.

Sincerely yours,



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