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**Application for Confidential Designation
Docket No. 26-OPT-01**

Dear Adam Morrison:

The California Energy Commission (CEC) has received the Applications for Confidentiality filed by Vaca Dixon BESS LLC and Arges BESS LLC (applicants), docketed May 28, 2026 (TN 270319 and TN 270320). The applications cover the following documents:

- Vaca Dixon Power Center Project Appendix DR TSD Vaca Dixon 57 MWh and Arges 400 Battery Energy Storage System One-Line Diagrams. (TN 270319.)
- Cluster 14 Phase II Interconnection Study Report. (TN 270320.)

A properly filed application for confidentiality shall be granted under California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 2505(a)(3)(A) “if the applicant makes a reasonable claim that the Public Records Act or other provision of law authorizes the Commission to keep the record confidential.”

The applicants assert that both documents qualify for confidentiality indefinitely because they comprise critical infrastructure information. Applicants contend that disclosure would increase risks to grid reliability and public safety and could assist malicious actors, and that any benefits of disclosure of this information do not outweigh these risks. Additionally, the applicants contend that the CAISO Cluster 14 Phase II Interconnection Study Report is subject to a Non-Disclosure Agreement and confidentiality provisions in the CAISO Interconnection Agreement. The applicants further state the confidential information has not been disclosed to anyone other than their employees, attorneys, and consultants working on the underlying project.

The applicants contend the documents are confidential in their entirety and cannot be masked because of the nature one-line diagrams and because the comprehensive scope of the Non-Disclosure Agreement governing the cluster study.

Executive Director's Determination

The CEC has reviewed the application and determined that it contains the required information under section 2505(a)(1)(D) to support the applicants' assertion that the documents should be exempt from disclosure as Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (see 6 U.S.C., § 650). The applicants make a reasonable claim that the law authorizes the CEC to maintain the confidentiality of the records as required in section 2505(a)(3)(A). Accordingly, confidentiality is granted for the records indefinitely.

Be advised that persons may petition to inspect or copy records that have been designated as confidential. In certain circumstances, the executive director may disclose, or release records previously designated as confidential, and the CEC may hold a hearing to determine the confidentiality of the records on its own motion or on a motion by CEC staff. The procedures and criteria for disclosing or releasing, filing, reviewing, and acting upon such petitions or motions are set forth in the California Code of Regulations, title 20, sections 2506 through 2508.

If you have questions, please email confidentialityapplication@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Drew Bohan
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