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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 Black Rock Geothermal LLC ("the Applicant"), provides this *Status Report No. 22* describing any new project-related developments during the pendency of the suspension period for the Application for Certification ("AFC") proceeding of the Black Rock Geothermal Project ("BRGP" or the "Project").

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

- The Applicant engaged and collaborated with Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians.
- Throughout the quarter the Applicant continued to engage with regional stakeholders and review local initiatives.
- Partnered with the City of Calipatria to plant 50 trees for an Earth Day initiative. The Applicant matched the Imperial Irrigation District's Tree for All grant to the City of Calipatria. The grant's goal is to expand green space and enhance the local environment.
- Participated alongside local leaders at the Imperial Valley Community Foundation's Dancing with the Stars event, which helped raise approximately \$50,000 in scholarship funding for local students.
- Partnered closely with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Imperial Valley to support the reopening of The Club Teen Center in Brawley, California, by providing donations and volunteering to assemble furniture, paint, and prepare the facility for reopening. The Club Teen Center now offers a dedicated and engaging space for Brawley's youth.
- Participated in Imperial Valley College's outreach efforts that strengthened relationships with local education partners to support workforce and community development initiatives.
- Quarterly coordination with the City of Calipatria to collaborate on opportunities to serve the community and discuss community priorities.
- Continued support of an employee-driven community engagement program, BHE CARES (Community enhancement, Environmental, Art/culture, Education/STEM and Safety/wellness). BHE CARES initiatives in Q2 2026 includes volunteering at the Imperial

¹ TN: 262256.

Valley Food Bank to support food packing and distribution efforts across the Imperial Valley region.

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 continues to monitor for the establishment of California's central procurement entity through the Department of Water Resources, to evaluate procurement opportunities for the Project.

The Applicant participated in the California Energy Commission’s Workshops on Geothermal Energy (Part 1) and Energy Equity & Environmental Justice to support the development and adoption of the 2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update.

The Applicant reviewed and provided comments to Imperial County’s draft Lithium Valley Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and Specific Plan on April 17, 2026.

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 – The Applicant provided Imperial Irrigation District with a revised version of the Salton Sea Impact Assessment on June 19, 2026, which addresses the potential impacts to the Salton Sea and associated biological, aquatic, air/public health (via increased playa exposure), climate change, and water resources from the Project’s use of Imperial Irrigation District’s water supply and changes in downstream agricultural drain flow volumes. The Applicant believes that the analysis confirms its original assumption that the BRGP will not result in a significant direct or cumulative impact to the Salton Sea.

Dated: June 30, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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