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

The following information is provided to CEC as an update on the status of the Compass project for the month of June 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 have continued 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 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 numerous 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 conducted site visits and are conducting physical site due diligence on two sites to evaluate their suitability, but have not yet confirmed these sites are fully suitable for our current project configuration.
- c. We continued our direct meetings with several landowners for these sites but these negotiations have not yet resulted in agreeable 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 has staff and consultants are working on new meetings to be held with the County of Orange regarding the landfill and related transmission options. These may yield an alternative with a revised timetable for our point of interconnection. We hope to have this meeting in the month of July. We will notify stakeholders and the CEC with any new information.

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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