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WILLOW ROCK ENERGY STORAGE CENTER (21-AFC-02C) – APPROVAL OF FULL NOTICE TO PROCEED REQUEST

Dear Noah Eckert:

On September 28, 2026, GEM A-CAES LLC (GEM), the project owner, submitted a request for a Full Notice to Proceed (FNTP) (TN# 272982) for construction of the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center (WRESC).

CEC staff has completed its review of the preconstruction Conditions of Certification (COC) for the WRESC as required by the Final Decision. CEC staff have determined that the project owner may commence with all construction activities effective October 2, 2026. This authorization is conditioned on full compliance with all applicable COCs. Nothing in this Full Notice to Proceed waives or alters any existing requirement, nor does it restrict the CEC's authority to take enforcement action for any instance of noncompliance. The CEC staff continues to work closely with the project owner to ensure conformance with all COCs as stated in the Decision.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Compliance Project Manager Anwar Ali, Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Unit, Safety and Reliability Branch, at (916) 839-0392 or e-mail at anwar.ali@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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