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PROPOSED LAURELWOOD DATA CENTER APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION FOR REVIEW

Overview: On March 5, 2019, MECPI Santa Clara 1, LLC (applicant) filed an application with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) for a Small Power Plant Exemption (SPPE) for its Laurelwood Data Center (LDC) (19-SPPE-01). The applicant proposes to deploy backup diesel-fueled generators to serve the total data center load of up to 99 megawatts (MW) with an uninterruptible power supply for its tenants' servers. The data center is planned for construction at 2201 Laurelwood Road in Santa Clara. The project would consist of two four-story buildings, with 56 3-MW diesel-fired backup generators, and a maximum 99-MW load of information technology, cooling, and ancillary equipment. Both buildings would include loading docks, backup generator yards, and stormwater bio-swales. The project would also include construction of an onsite 60 kilovolt (kV) substation with an electrical supply line that will connect to a Silicon Valley Power (SVP) distribution line located 0.1 miles west of the project site. Each generator would have an approximately 10,300-gallon diesel fuel tank located underneath, to provide sufficient fuel storage to operate the generator at steady state continuous load for at least 48 hours.

Energy Commission Jurisdiction and Exemption Consideration Process: The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing, and ultimately approving or denying, all thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. The SPPE process allows applicants with projects between 50 and 100 MW to obtain an exemption from the Energy Commission's jurisdiction and proceed with local review rather than requiring an Energy Commission license. The Energy Commission can grant an exemption if it finds that the proposed project would not create a substantial adverse impact on the environment or energy resources. In reviewing an SPPE application the Energy Commission acts as the lead agency under section 25519(c) of the Public Resources Code and, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, will perform any required environmental analysis. Energy Commission staff (staff) has begun its review of the application. Over the coming months, staff will evaluate the project and prepare an environmental analysis document—for SPPE projects this typically takes the form of an Initial Study. Following publication of that document and consideration of public comments, an assigned Committee will conduct a hearing to determine whether the proposed project should be exempted from the Energy Commission's power plant licensing requirements. This hearing will provide the public as well as local, state, and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions about, and provide input on, the exemption request. If the exemption is granted, the applicant would still need to secure the appropriate licenses and permits from relevant local, state, and federal agencies.

Public Participation: The Energy Commission welcomes public participation in our SPPE evaluation process. A copy of the SPPE application as well as other project information can be found on the Energy Commission website at: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/laurelwood/>.

For Project Information: To stay informed about this project and receive notice of upcoming meetings and workshops, please sign up on the project list serve on the website at: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/laurelwood/>.

The list serve sends out e-mail notifications when documents and notices are posted on the project review website.

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