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Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission

In the Matter of:

Application For Small Power Plant Exemption for the MISSION COLLEGE BACKUP GENERATING FACILITY

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OPPIDAN'S RESPONSE TO STAFF'S STATUS REPORT AND PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Oppidan, in accordance with the Hearing Officer Memorandum (TN 232460), dated, March 19, 2020, hereby files its response to Staff's Status Report and Proposed Schedule (TN 232525), dated March 25, 2020.

Oppidan understands that Staff is struggling with the unprecedented conditions created by Covid-19 and the resulting social distancing requirements of the Governor's Executive Orders. Oppidan supports the Staff schedule and appreciates Staff's willingness to work to attempt to publish the IS/MND on or before April 23, 2020. Oppidan has recently received a determination by the County of Santa Clara Emergency Operations Center that the construction of the Mission College Data Center is an essential service and critical infrastructure and is not subject to the Santa Clara County quarantine order. The volume of internet traffic and use of secure cloud storage have only increased during this period, and the requests for additional capacity have also increased. As the Commission is aware, demolition activities are currently underway and nearing completion. It is essential to proceed quickly to a Final Decision on the SPPE to ensure that the construction activities, and the employment it provides during this time of great economic need, can continue.

Oppidan is available to assist the Commission in expediting this proceeding to ensure that construction activities can continue to proceed.

Dated: March 27, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

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