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VIA E-COMMENT PORTAL

California Energy Commission Docket Unit
Docket No. 21-OIR-2
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Re: Comments on California Energy Commission Docket No. 21-OIR-02: Notice of Proposed Action on Designation of Geothermal Power Plant Siting Authority to Local Government

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of Controlled Thermal Resources ("CTR"), thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the Notice of Proposed Action (NOPA), published on February 25, 2022, to amend the California Code of Regulations (CCR) to facilitate the full delegation of the California Energy Commission's (CEC) site certification authority over geothermal power plants to petitioning counties. CTR supports the CEC's proposed amendments, and believe they will go a long way toward streamlining the siting of new geothermal resources.

With headquarters in Imperial Valley, CTR is a leader in the development of battery-grade lithium products and clean, renewable baseload energy in the region. CTR is currently in advanced development of the Hell's Kitchen Lithium and Power project located in the heart of the Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resource Area (KGRA), considered one of the world's most prolific geothermal resources. At full development, this project alone will create approximately 480 good paying and family-sustaining union construction jobs, and approximately 1,400 full-time management, engineering, finance, accounting, office, maintenance and operation jobs at full capacity. These high paying, family-sustaining clean economy jobs will be created in one of the most impoverished regions in the state. In fact, Imperial County has the unfortunate distinction as the unemployment capitol of California, with a sustained unemployment rate of 18 -27% since 2008.

The amendments proposed by the CEC in the NOPA will streamline and expedite the development of new geothermal resources in Imperial County. The greater authority for local government to make decisions regarding siting within their



respective geographical boundaries will remove obstacles to gathering information necessary to make decisions and would leverage the knowledge of decisionmakers that are most familiar with the areas proposed for geothermal development.

Accordingly, CTR applauds you for identifying a means to expedite the development of the clean energy resources needed for California to meet its energy demands consistent with California's renewables policy goals, and we urge the Commission to adopt the proposed changes.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James T. Turner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James T. Turner
Chief Operating Officer
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