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Memorandum

**To:** Commissioner Kourtney Vaccaro, Presiding Member  
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**Subject: STATUS REPORT #5 FOR WILLOW ROCK ENERGY STORAGE CENTER (21-AFC-02)**

In its August 31, 2022 Order directing parties to file Monthly Status Reports, the Committee required that the parties file and serve a Status Report on or before the 26th of each month.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) staff has commenced work on a Preliminary Staff Assessment, which we expect to publish within 60 days of acknowledging in a status report that we have no further data requests.

The CEC staff remains engaged in discovery efforts. Staff has docketed multiple sets of data requests, and the applicant has provided timely responses according to various agreements reached by the parties that are reflected in the project docket, most notably the recent joint statement by the parties regarding data requests (TN 248337). The applicant has communicated to CEC staff that it expects to docket a collection of responsive materials on January 31, 2023. Staff is presently developing Data Requests Set 4, which will include new requests and potentially follow-up requests prompted by the material to be docketed on January 31.

Staff is aware that the applicant objected to Data Requests 148 and 149 in a filing dated January 12, 2023. Staff will continue its discussions with the applicant regarding the feasibility of providing responses to those two data requests.