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Letter of Support

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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Drew Bohan
Executive Director
California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for the Black Rock Geothermal Project (23-AFC-03)

Dear Mr. Bohan:

On behalf of Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo dba Innercare, we write to express our enthusiastic support of the Black Rock Geothermal Project proposed in Imperial County, California.

We are a non-profit organization and Federally Qualified Health Center that provides an array of comprehensive primary care and specialty health services to the residents of Imperial and Riverside Counties. Formerly known as Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo, we serve over 50,000 people living in medically underserved areas that are among the most impoverished in the nation. Through our network of ten health clinics, five dental clinics, three Women, Infant and Children Nutrition Education Centers, and six WIC voucher distribution sites, we strive to meet the complex needs of low-income, uninsured populations with culturally and linguistically appropriate services, all with a focus on patient-centered care. Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve through providing access to excellent care, available to all.

By generating geothermal energy 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the Black Rock Geothermal Project will provide critically needed new, renewable baseload generating capacity to support grid reliability and the State's transition to clean, carbon-free electricity.

The Black Rock Geothermal Project will also provide significant economic benefits to Imperial County. Capital expenditures from the project are estimated to bring \$475 to \$800 million to the local economy, creating over 426 construction jobs and 61 permanent jobs to support maintenance and operation of the facility. In addition to the many jobs that will be created, the project will generate substantial tax revenue and

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support the local economy through direct purchase of services, supplies, and materials from local and regional companies.

For these reasons, we support the Black Rock Geothermal Project. We look forward to the timely consideration and approval of the project by the California Energy Commission.

Sincerely,



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