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Letter of Support

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Drew Bohan
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RE: Support for the Morton Bay Geothermal Project (23-AFC-01)

Dear Mr. Bohan:

On behalf of the CFM-San Diego, we write to express our enthusiastic support of the **Morton Bay Geothermal Project** proposed in Imperial County, California.

I am the current President and founder of CFM San Diego, Inc., and for the past 35+ years have been serving the Geothermal market by the Salon Sea, and Southern California. I have seen firsthand the growth of the Geothermal Industry, and the benefit it has brought to the entire Imperial Valley community. CFM is a manufacturer's sales representative of industrial process instrumentation, controls, and valves. Our products are used successfully within all the Geothermal plants, especially within all Calenergy/BHE facilities.

By generating geothermal energy 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the **Morton Bay 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 **Morton Bay Geothermal Project** will also provide significant economic benefits to Imperial County. Capital expenditures from the project are estimated to bring \$750 to \$1.3 billion to the local economy, creating over 560 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 support the local economy through direct purchase of services, supplies, and materials from local and regional companies.

Unlike other renewable forms of power, which are not 100% reliable, Geothermal power has years of proving itself to be 24/7 reliable and dependable, has no environmental issues, and has no carbon footprint. Every plant provides good paying jobs and has improved the quality of life of all who share in the operation of these plants.

For these reasons, I support the **Morton Bay Geothermal Project**. We look forward to the timely consideration and approval of the project by the California Energy Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Gerardo A. Samaniego'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Gerardo(Jerry) A. Samaniego
President, CFM San Diego, Inc.