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IN THE MATTER OF:

MORTON BAY GEOTHERMAL PROJECT
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION

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CALIFORNIA UNIONS FOR RELIABLE ENERGY
STATUS REPORT NO. 1

October 31, 2023

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INTRODUCTION

California Unions for Reliable Energy (“CURE”) submits this status report in the Morton Bay Geothermal Project (“MBGP”) proceeding pursuant to the Committee Scheduling Order issued on September 12, 2023 (TN 252284). In its Scheduling Order, the Committee ordered the parties to file and serve a Status Report on or before October 31, 2023, and by the last business day of every month thereafter. The Status Report must include summaries of the progress of discovery, including descriptions of significant communications with other federal, state, local agencies, and tribal governments, and identify any factors that may impact the schedule of the proceeding.

DISCUSSION

Discovery is ongoing and CURE is working with the assistance of technical experts in air quality, public health, greenhouse gas emissions, biology, hazards, agricultural resources, geology, transmission, and hydrology. CURE is reviewing the Application for Certification (“AFC”) materials, as well as Staff’s data requests and the Applicant’s responses to those data requests. CURE submitted its first set of data requests to the Applicant on October 25, 2023 (TN 252740), which addressed project description, air quality, public health, greenhouse gases, and geologic hazards and resources. Pursuant to section 1716, subsection (f) of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, the Applicant must provide the requested information on or before November 27, 2023, unless it is unable to provide or objects to providing information, or the date is extended by mutual agreement.

CURE has submitted requests for public records related to the MGBP under the California Public Records Act, Government Code §§ 7920.000, *et seq.*, to the following state and local agencies: County of Imperial, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District, Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Geologic Energy Management Division of the California Department of Conservation, Imperial Irrigation District, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, City of Calipatria, City of Westmorland, California Public Utilities Commission, Land Resource Division of the California Department of Conservation, and the Salton Sea Authority. CURE has also submitted requests for public records related to the MGBP under the and Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the following federal agencies: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

At this time, CURE is not aware of any potential delays to the proceeding schedule.

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Respectfully submitted,

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