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IN THE MATTER OF:

MORTON BAY GEOTHERMAL PROJECT
(MBGP) APPLICATION FOR
CERTIFICATION

Docket No. 23-AFC-01

CALIFORNIA UNIONS FOR RELIABLE ENERGY
STATUS REPORT NO. 6

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INTRODUCTION

California Unions for Reliable Energy (“CURE”) submits this status report in the Morton Bay Geothermal Project (“MBGP”) proceeding (Docket No. 23-AFC-01) pursuant to the Presiding Member’s Scheduling Order issued on September 15, 2023 (TN 252284).

DISCUSSION

I. Summary of the Progress of Discovery

Discovery closed on January 22, 2024. CURE has no outstanding data requests. California Energy Commission (“CEC”) Staff have indicated they are awaiting additional information which is necessary for a thorough evaluation of the impacts of the proposed Project (TN 255054). On March 19, 2024, the Applicant provided additional air dispersion modeling files (TN 255174).

II. Significant Communications with Tribal Governments and Federal, State, and Local Agencies

CURE is in discussion with various local, state, and federal agencies regarding its requests for public records related to the ENGP.

III. Factors That May Impact the Schedule

On March 13, 2024, CEC Staff filed a motion to extend the due date for the Preliminary Staff Assessment (“PSA”) and the public comment period for the PSA (TN 255054). The Applicant filed a partial opposition to Staff’s motion, requesting a shorter extension for the PSA and withholding objection to the proposed 45-day

comment period (TN 255305). CURE filed a response in support of Staff's motion, requesting that the Committee grant both of Staff's requests (255309).

Given the revisions to the project description, revisions needed to the preliminary determination of compliance, and outstanding responses to Staff's data requests in several resource areas, among other ongoing information gathering, it is unlikely that the Commission can issue a decision within 12 months of accepting the Project's application for certification as complete. CURE respectfully requests that the Commission and Applicant include CURE in any negotiations to extend the certification deadline.

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Respectfully submitted,

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