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Pursuant to the *Presiding Member’s Scheduling Order for the Black Rock Geothermal Project Proceeding*,¹ Black Rock Geothermal LLC (“the Applicant”) provides this *Status Report No. 7* to update the Committee regarding the status of the Application for Certification (“AFC”) proceeding for the Black Rock Geothermal Project (“BRGP”).

I. SUMMARY OF PROGRESS OF DISCOVERY

As of the date of this filing, the Applicant has submitted all remaining responses to outstanding data requests, whether formal or informal.

II. DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT COMMUNICATIONS WITH OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AGENCIES, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

A brief description of the Applicant’s significant communications with other federal, state, and local agencies, and tribal governments is provided below.

- The Applicant has continued to engage with local Native American tribes. The Applicant is working to schedule a tour of existing geothermal facilities for an elder of the Kwaaymii Laguna Band of Indians.
- The statutory deadline for a response from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) on the Letter of Map Revision application was April 10, 2024. However, a change in vendor reviewing applications by FEMA has caused a delay. The Applicant received informal, minor comments from FEMA and provided responses.
- On April 19, 2024 the Applicant submitted a follow-up notification letter to the U.S. Marine Corps in accordance with guidance received from the Department of Defense.
- On March 28, 2024 the Applicant met with Imperial Irrigation District (“IID”) to provide the project permitting status. The Applicant directed IID to California Energy Commission Staff for questions on the preliminary staff assessment.

¹ TN#: 252289.

III. OUTCOME OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS OR MEETINGS

There were no public workshops or meetings relating to the BRGP AFC proceeding in April.

IV. SCHEDULE

The Applicant is diligently working with all parties and stakeholders to advance this important, much needed baseload renewable energy project.

Dated: April 30, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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