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Pursuant to the *Presiding Member’s Scheduling Order for the Morton Bay Geothermal Project Proceeding*,¹ Morton Bay Geothermal LLC (“the Applicant”) provides this *Status Report No. 8* to update the Committee regarding the status of the Application for Certification (“AFC”) proceeding for the Morton Bay Geothermal Project (“MBGP”).

I. SUMMARY OF PROGRESS OF DISCOVERY/ PROCEEDING

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

- On May 7, 2024, the Applicant provided California Energy Commission Staff with volumes and surface area for the MBGP freshwater pond.
- On May 13, 2024, the Applicant docketed a list of the wells and data types considered by the Applicant’s consultant, GeothermEx, in preparing their simulation of the Salton Sea Geothermal Resource.²
- On May 23, 2024, the Applicant met with United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America and shared an overview of the MBGP and discussed broadly water usage and supply, air quality, and species habitat.
- On May 29, 2024, the Applicant docketed their response to Jobs to Move America’s comments on the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District’s Preliminary Determination of Compliance.³

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.

¹ TN#: 252284.

² TN#: 256320.

³ TN#: 256578.

- On May 6, 2024, the Applicant engaged in a coordination conference call with Imperial Irrigation District (“IID”) to review electrical distribution power requirements and easement requirements for the MBGP.

III. OUTCOME OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS OR MEETINGS

There were no public workshops or meetings relating to the MBGP AFC proceeding in May 2024.

IV. SCHEDULE

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

Dated: May 31, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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