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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.8* 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/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 BRGP freshwater pond.
- On May 23, 2024, the Applicant met with United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America and shared an overview of the BRGP and discussed broadly water usage and supply, air quality, and species habitat.
- On May 29, 2024, the Applicant docketed their response to the California Unions for Reliable Energy's comments on Imperial County Air Pollution Control District's Preliminary Determination of Compliance.²

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.

• 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 Project.

¹ TN#: 252289.

² TN#: 256577.

III. OUTCOME OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS OR MEETINGS

There were no public workshops or meetings relating to the BRGP 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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