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IN THE MATTER OF:

BLACK ROCK GEOTHERMAL PROJECT
(BRGP) APPLICATION FOR
CERTIFICATION

Docket No. 23-AFC-03

CALIFORNIA UNIONS FOR RELIABLE ENERGY
STATUS REPORT NO. 8

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INTRODUCTION

California Unions for Reliable Energy (“CURE”) submits this status report in the Black Rock Geothermal Project (“BRGP”) proceeding (Docket No. 23-AFC-03) pursuant to the Presiding Member’s Scheduling Order issued on September 12, 2023 (TN 252289).

DISCUSSION

I. Summary of the Progress of Discovery

Discovery closed on January 22, 2024. CURE has no outstanding data requests.

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 BRGP.

III. Factors That May Impact the Schedule

The Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (“ICAPCD”) released a preliminary decision on January 19, 2024 (TN 254004), but has not yet issued a preliminary determination of compliance (“PDOC”) for BRGP as required by ICAPCD Rule 207.D.4.f. One factor that may impact the schedule is the preliminary staff assessment (“PSA”) being released with an incomplete assessment of BRGP’s environmental impacts and compliance with laws, ordinances, regulations and standards (“LORS”) because ICAPCD has not finalized the PDOC. To ensure the PSA provides an accurate description of the ICAPCD’s assessment of the BRGP’s compliance with LORS, and the public has an opportunity to comment

on such, the Committee should consider extending the deadline to release the PSA until after the ICAPCD submits the PDOC.

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Respectfully submitted,

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