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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF AN OPT-IN CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
FOR COMPASS ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT**

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I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of The Orange County Register, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Irvine*, County of Orange, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of County of Orange, State of California, under the date of November 19, 1905, Case No.A-21046. The notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

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I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Irvine, California

On this 7th day of June, 2024.



Signature

On April 11, 2024, the California Energy Commission (CEC) received an application from Compass Energy Storage LLC ("Applicant"), for certification from the CEC through the Opt-In process for the Compass Energy Storage project (24-OPT-02). The project is proposed on an approximately 13-acre site located within the northern portion of the city of San Juan Capistrano, adjacent to Camino Capistrano and Interstate-5 to the east. The CEC publishes notice of receipt of the application pursuant to Public Resources Code, sections 25519, subd. (g) and 25545.8.

Project Description

The proposed project is a battery energy storage system (BESS) that would be capable of storing up to 250 megawatts (MW) of electricity for four hours (up to 1,000 MW hours). The proposed Compass Energy Storage project (project) would be composed of lithium-Iron phosphate batteries, or similar technology batteries, inverters, medium-voltage transformers, a switchyard, a collector substation, and other associated equipment to interconnect into the existing San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) Trabuco to Capistrano 138-kilovolt transmission line located approximately 500 feet from the project site and approximately 90 feet from the project property. The project would connect to the SDG&E electric transmission system via a proposed "loop-in" transmission line that would be constructed to transfer power to and from the proposed project. The loop-in transmission line would be supported by the replacement of two existing transmission poles and construction of one new transmission pole.

Electric energy would be transferred from the existing power grid to the project batteries for storage and from the project batteries to the power grid when additional electricity is needed. No off-site transmission upgrades are required for the full capacity of this project, and an interconnection agreement with SDG&E and the California Independent System Operator has been executed. Following construction of the switchyard by Compass Energy Storage LLC, ownership and operations would transfer to SDG&E. The Project Description (TN 255535-2) section of the application can be accessed directly at the following link: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?fn=255535-2&DocumentContentId=91278>.

CEC Jurisdiction and Opt-In Certification Program

Pursuant to state law, the CEC has established a certification program for eligible non-fossil fueled power plants and related facilities to optionally seek certification from the CEC. (See Pub. Resources Code, §§ 25545-25545.13; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, §§ 1875-1882.) Under the Opt-In Certification Program, among the types of facilities the CEC can certify are energy storage facilities of 200 megawatt-hours (MWh) or more and the electric transmission lines from these facilities to the first point of interconnection with the existing transmission grid. The CEC is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act and is required to prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) for any facility that elects to opt-in to the CEC's jurisdiction.

With exceptions, the issuance of a certificate by the CEC for an eligible facility is in lieu of any permit, certificate, or similar document required by any state, local, or regional agency for the use of the site and related facilities, and supersedes any applicable statute, ordinance, or regulation of any state, local, or regional agency. The CEC is required to make its decision on whether to certify the project within 270 days of receiving a complete application. The CEC is required to consult with all responsible and trustee agencies on the scope and content of the EIR. The CEC staff has begun its review of the application and transmitted the application to responsible and trustee agencies.

The application has not been deemed complete at this time. Once the application is deemed complete, the CEC staff will evaluate the proposed project, consult with California Native American tribes, and host public meetings in the project area. This will include an informational and public scoping meeting during the development of the EIR, as well as a public meeting during the 60-day comment period on the Draft EIR, which will be included as part of the CEC's Staff Assessment of the application. After the conclusion of the public comment period, the CEC staff will publish an updated Staff Assessment (which will include a Final EIR), and the CEC Executive Director's recommendation on whether the CEC should certify the EIR and issue a certificate for construction and operation of the proposed project. The updated Staff Assessment and Executive Director's recommendation will be published at least 30 days before the CEC's consideration at a public meeting.

At the final public meeting, the CEC will formally decide whether to certify the EIR and grant a certification for construction and operation of the proposed project. Should the certification be granted, other agencies that retain their permitting authorities must take final action on any additional permits within 90 days of the CEC issuing a certificate.

Public Participation

The CEC welcomes public participation in the Opt-In review process. A copy of the Opt-In application as well as other project information, can be found on the CEC website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/>

powerplant/battery-storage-system/compass-battery-energy-storage. To stay informed about this project and receive notice of upcoming meetings and workshops, sign up to the project's email subscription, which can be accessed on the same project webpage. Once enrolled, automatic email notifications are sent when documents and notices are posted to the project webpage. This notice will be the only general public notification of this project that will appear in this publication. If you want to stay informed or participate in the project review and decision-making process, please visit the webpage linked above to subscribe for free email notifications from the CEC or contact the Public Advisor's Office (see contact info below).

For questions about the project, please contact Renee Longman, project manager, by email at renee.longman@energy.ca.gov.

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