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Data Requests for Fountain Wind Project (23-OPT-01)

Dear Henry Woltag:

Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25545.4(d) and California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15084(b) and title 20, section 1878(a), the California Energy Commission (CEC) staff is asking for the information specified in the enclosed data requests, which are necessary for a complete staff analysis of the Fountain Wind Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). These data requests seek further information related to the Water Resources technical area following receipt of applicant's data request responses dated May 15, 2024.

Responses to the data requests are due within 30 days of the date of this letter.

If you have any questions, please email me at leonidas.payne@energy.ca.gov.

/S/

Leonidas Payne
Project Manager

Enclosure: Data Requests

WATER RESOURCES

BACKGROUND: Water Supply

Applicant's response to CEC staff water supply report data requests (TN 256385) was not complete. Data request **WATER-2** from CEC staff communication of April 16, 2024 (TN 255722) stated:

Please identify the location, or locations, where groundwater would be extracted for project water supply.

In response to data requests **WATER-1** and **WATER-2**, the following was stated:

Nonetheless, the applicant has obtained a letter of intent to supply water required for construction and operations from Hat Creek Construction & Materials, Inc. (HCC), located at 24339 State Hwy 89, Burney, California, 96013. This supplier draws water from existing private wells owned and operated by it within the Burney Creek Valley Groundwater Basin.

The identified water purveyor HCC is located along Hwy 89, close to Burney Falls, approximately 7.7 miles north-northeast of the town of Burney. If the wells to be used are located at the HCC facility, groundwater would be extracted from near the Lake Britton Area groundwater basin (5.046), rather than the Burney Creek Valley groundwater basin (5.048) according to Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118. The Lake Britton Area groundwater basin was not evaluated in the most recent version of the Water Supply Report (TN 256386).

DATA REQUEST:

WATER-5: Please provide documentation to verify that the groundwater extraction wells are located in the Burney Creek Valley groundwater basin. If these wells are located at the HCC facility, please revise the Water Supply Report to include an evaluation of the Lake Britton Area groundwater basin.