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**Subject: STATUS REPORT #9 AND NOTICE OF PSA FILING DATE FOR MORTON BAY GEOTHERMAL PROJECT (23-AFC-01)**

The Presiding Member’s Scheduling Order for the Morton Bay Geothermal Project (MBGP) Proceeding (Scheduling Order) filed on September 15, 2023, orders the parties to file a status report on “October 31st, and by the last business day of every month thereafter.” The California Energy Commission staff is further ordered to “include summaries of the progress of discovery in each monthly report, including descriptions of significant communications with other federal, state, and local agencies, and tribal governments, and identify any factors that may impact the schedule of the proceeding. Status reports shall also include a description of the outcome of any public workshop or other meeting held during that month.”

**Summary of Progress of Discovery and Known Issues**

On June 5, 2024, the applicant filed Morton Bay Geothermal LLC Responses [to] the United Auto Workers Comments on the ICAPCD PDOC (TN 256701).

On June 7, 2024, the applicant filed Morton Bay Geothermal LLC Responses to CURE comments on the ICAPCD PDOC (TN 256747).

On June 12, 2024, Hudson Ranch Power 1 filed Hudson Ranch Power 1 Comments (TN 256821).

On June 17, 2024, the applicant filed Morton Bay Geothermal Project – SB-100 Water Supply Assessment (Revised Draft) (TN 256893).

**Preliminary Staff Assessment Filing Date**

In the Presiding Member’s Scheduling Order for the Morton Bay Geothermal Project Proceeding, the Committee stated: “To ease the burden on Parties and interested members of the public in preparing and reviewing the PSA for Morton Bay and the separate PSAs for Elmore North and Black Rock, staff is directed to release each PSA one

by one, with no less than 14 calendar days in between each one,...” (Morton Bay Geothermal Project, TN 252284, filed September 15, 2023).

On April 12, 2024, the Committee granted staff’s motion for an extension of time to file the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) in this matter. The Order Granting Staff’s Motion for Extension reset the MBGP PSA filing date to June 25, 2024 (TN255664).

Staff is notifying the Committee, the applicant, parties, and the public that in keeping with the Presiding Member’s prior scheduling order, the PSA will not be filed on June 25, 2024.

Staff most recently filed the PSA for the proposed Elmore North Geothermal Project (23-AFC-02) on June 13, 2024 (TN 256843). To allow for a 14-day filing interval, the PSA in the present MBGP proceeding may not be filed any earlier than June 27, 2024.

Following publication, staff will follow the directives of the September 15, 2023, and April 12, 2024, Scheduling Orders and continue to provide regular updates to the Committee.