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Memorandum

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Subject: STATUS REPORT #9 AND NOTICE OF PSA FILING DATE FOR BLACK ROCK GEOTHERMAL PROJECT (23-AFC-03)

The Presiding Member's Scheduling Order for the Black Rock Geothermal Project (BRGP) 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 17, 2024, the applicant filed Black Rock Geothermal Project - SB-610 Water Supply Assessment (Revised Draft) (TN 256895)

On June 21, 2024, the applicant filed Black Rock Geothermal LLC Responses to the LV Equity Technical Advisory Group Comments on the ICAPCD PDOC (TN 257275)

On June 21, 2024, the applicant filed Black Rock Geothermal LLC Responses to Jobs to Move America Comments on the ICAPCD PDOC

Preliminary Staff Assessment Filing Date

In the Presiding Member's Scheduling Order for the Black Rock 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 Black Rock and the separate PSAs for Elmore North and Morton Bay, staff is directed to release each PSA one by one, with no less than 14 calendar days in between each one,..." (Black Rock Geothermal Project, TN 252278, 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 BRGP PSA filing date to July 9, 2024 (TN255668).

Staff is notifying the Committee, the applicant, parties, and the public that in keeping with the Presiding Member's prior scheduling order, the BRGP PSA will not be filed on July 9, 2024.

Staff most recently filed the PSA for the proposed Morton Bay Geothermal Project (23-AFC-01) on June 27, 2024. (TN 257470.) To allow for a 14-day filing interval, the PSA in the present BRGP proceeding may not be filed any earlier than July 11, 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.