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*APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE:*

Morton Bay Geothermal Project

Docket No. 23-AFC-01

*APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE:*

Elmore North Geothermal Project

Docket No. 23-AFC-02

*APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR THE:*

Black Rock Geothermal Project

Docket No. 23-AFC-03

JOINT ORDER DIRECTING PARTIES TO MEET AND CONFER AND TO SUBMIT A PROPOSED SCHEDULE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Presiding Member for the Committees¹ appointed by the California Energy Commission (CEC) to conduct proceedings on the applications for certification

¹ For documents, see the "Availability of Documents" section, below. On May 31, 2023, the CEC adopted orders appointing the following committees:

- For Morton Bay, Commissioner Noemí Gallardo as Presiding Member and Commissioner Andrew McAllister as Associate Member. (TN 250451.)
- For Elmore North, Commissioner Gallardo as Presiding Member and Commissioner McAllister as Associate Member. (TN 250452.)
- For Black Rock, Commissioner Gallardo as Presiding Member and Chair David Hochschild as Associate Member. (TN 250454.)

(AFC) of the Morton Bay Geothermal Project,² Elmore North Geothermal Project,³ and Black Rock Geothermal Project,⁴ (collectively, Proposed Projects), hereby directs the parties for each project to meet and confer by September 24, 2024 regarding a proposed schedule for the remainder of these proceedings.⁵

Staff and project applicants are further directed to prepare a joint proposed schedule for the remainder of each proceeding and file it in the respective docket for each Proposed Project no later than September 30, 2024. Staff and project applicants may, if necessary, file separate proposed schedules, but if so, must explain the main disagreements that prevented them from filing a joint schedule and must explain the basis for each of the proposals provided. The proposed schedule should include, without limitation, proposed deadlines for staff to file its final staff assessments and proposals for whether the evidentiary hearings should be consolidated, held back-to-back on consecutive days, or held separately. The other parties to each proceeding may join the joint proposed schedule, if any, or may file separate proposed schedules by the same deadline.

Availability of Documents

All documents filed in these proceedings will be posted in the respective dockets for each proceeding by selecting the following:

- The “Docket Log (23-AFC-01)” link on the [Morton Bay proceeding’s web page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/steam-turbine/morton-bay-geothermal-project-mbgp) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/steam-turbine/morton-bay-geothermal-project-mbgp>, or scan (use the camera on your mobile device and hold it over the QR code) the following QR code:

² The AFC and all filed documents related to the Morton Bay proceeding are available via the “Docket Log (23-AFC-01)” link on the [Morton Bay proceeding’s web page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/steam-turbine/morton-bay-geothermal-project-mbgp) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/steam-turbine/morton-bay-geothermal-project-mbgp>. The AFC comprises many separate documents filed in the docket beginning April 18, 2023, e.g., Volume 1 is TN 249723.

³ The AFC and all filed documents related to the Elmore North proceeding are available via the “Docket Log (23-AFC-02)” link on the [Elmore North proceeding’s web page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/steam-turbine/elmore-north-geothermal-project-engp) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/steam-turbine/elmore-north-geothermal-project-engp>. The AFC comprises many separate documents filed in the docket beginning April 18, 2023, e.g., Volume 1 is TN 249737.

⁴ The AFC and all filed documents related to the BRGP proceeding are available via the “Docket Log (23-AFC-03)” link on the [Black Rock proceeding web page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/steam-turbine/black-rock-geothermal-project-brgp) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/steam-turbine/black-rock-geothermal-project-brgp>. The AFC comprises many separate documents filed in the docket beginning April 18, 2023, e.g., Volume 1 is TN 249752.

⁵ Applicant’s August 30, 2024, status reports acknowledged that “[o]n August 7, 2024, the Applicant, in addition to Staff and Intervenor, submitted a proposed schedule for the remainder of the proceeding” but stated that proposed schedules for the projects “will require adjustment given the notice of [Imperial Irrigation District’s] system impact restudy delay and potential outcome of the Tribal Mitigation Workshop” held on September 6, 2024. ([TN 258779](#) [Morton Bay]; [TN 258780](#) [Elmore North]; [TN 258782](#) [Black Rock].)



- The "Docket Log (23-AFC-02)" link on the [Elmore North proceeding's web page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/steam-turbine/elmore-north-geothermal-project-engp) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/steam-turbine/elmore-north-geothermal-project-engp>, or scan the following QR code:



- The "Docket Log (23-AFC-03)" link on the [Black Rock proceeding web page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/steam-turbine/black-rock-geothermal-project-brgp) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/steam-turbine/black-rock-geothermal-project-brgp>, or scan the following QR code:



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Questions

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 16, 2024

APPROVED BY:

Noemí Otilia Osuna Gallardo
Commissioner and Presiding Member of the Morton Bay,
Elmore North, and Black Rock AFC Committees