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Pursuant to the California Energy Commission’s (“CEC”) Order Terminating the Suspension of the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center Proceeding 21-AFC-02 (TN 258022) and the Revised Committee Scheduling Order (TN 259084), the Intervenor Center for Biological Diversity (the “Center”) submits this Status Report.

I. Progress of the Proceeding

The Center continues to review all documents filed in this proceeding, including Gem A-CAES LLC’s (the “Applicant”) Supplemental Application and Appendices, as well as the data requests submitted by CEC Staff and Intervenor CURE, along with the Applicant’s responses.

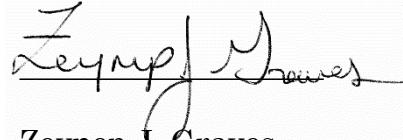
On September 10, 2024, representatives from the Center, including the undersigned, participated in a video conference with the Applicant’s representatives to discuss to the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center project. During this meeting, the Applicant agreed to provide the Center with certain files designated as confidential, which are unavailable on the public docket. The Center expects to finalize an agreement regarding the handling of confidential materials shortly, after which the Applicant will transmit relevant confidential information for the Center’s review.

Once all pertinent information has been received and reviewed, the Center will assess whether any additional information is needed to support its participation in the proceeding. Should further data be required, the Center will submit appropriate data requests before the close of discovery, January 13, 2025.

II. Potential Delays and Other Relevant Matters

The Center does not anticipate any potential delays at this time. The Center is also not currently aware of any other relevant matters to bring to the Committee's attention.

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