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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Energy Resources Conservation
and Development Commission**

In the Matter of:

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

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF AND APPLICANTS’
JOINT PROPOSED SCHEDULES**

Pursuant to the *Joint Order Directing Parties to Meet and Confer and to Submit a Proposed Schedule* docketed September 17, 2024,¹ Morton Bay Geothermal LLC, Elmore North Geothermal LLC, and Black Rock Geothermal LLC (collectively, “the Applicants”) and California Energy Commission (“CEC”) Staff jointly propose the following schedules for the remainder of the Morton Bay Geothermal Project (“MBGP”), Elmore North Geothermal Project (“ENGP”), and Black Rock Geothermal Project (“BRGP”) proceedings.

I. MEET AND CONFER

On September 24, 2024, the Applicants and CEC Staff met and conferred with intervenors California Unions for Reliable Energy, Supporters Alliance for Environmental Responsibility, and the United Auto Workers regarding the proposed schedule for the remainder of the MBGP, ENGP, and BRGP proceedings and proposals for evidentiary hearings. With respect to evidentiary hearings, parties agreed that the hearings should be held in Imperial County. In general, the Applicants and CEC Staff agree that evidentiary hearings should be held on consecutive days and separated by project. The Applicants and CEC Staff agreed that it may be possible to utilize a hybrid approach, where certain issues are held on certain days, but separated by project.

II. PROPOSED SCHEDULE

The Applicants and CEC Staff jointly propose the following schedules, which include proposed deadlines for CEC Staff to file Final Staff Assessments, the last day to file a petition to intervene, submission of testimony, evidentiary hearings, and prehearing conferences.

¹ TN#: 259193, 259195, and 259194.

ACTIVITY	APPROXIMATE INTERVALS	ENGP DATE	MBGP DATE	BRGP DATE
Last day to file petition to intervene	---	October 16, 2024	October 16, 2024	October 16, 2024
Final Staff Assessment (FSA) filed	---	February 5, 2025	February 19, 2025	March 5, 2025
Opening Testimony filed	30 days after last FSA	April 4, 2025	April 4, 2025	April 4, 2025
Reply Testimony filed	30 days after Opening Testimony	May 5, 2025	May 5, 2025	May 5, 2025
Meet and Confer	2 weeks after Reply Testimony	May 19, 2025	May 19, 2025	May 19, 2025
Prehearing Conference Statement (PHC) filed	1 week before Evidentiary Hearings	May 26, 2025	May 26, 2025	May 26, 2025
Prehearing Conference	3 days after PHC Statement	May 29, 2025	May 29, 2025	May 29, 2025
Evidentiary Hearings (EH)	4 weeks after Reply Testimony	Week of June 2, 2025	Week of June 2, 2025	Week of June 2, 2025
If briefs are not needed				
Committee files Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD)	30 days following evidentiary hearings	July 2025	July 2025	July 1025
Hearing on Presiding Member's Proposed Decision	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Committee files errata to PMPD (if necessary)*	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Commission issues Final Decision	---	August 2025	August 2025	August 2025
If briefs are needed				
Opening Briefs (if needed)	2 weeks following EH transcript (approximate week of June 23, 2025)	2 weeks following EH transcript (approximate week of June 23, 2025)	2 weeks following EH transcript (approximate week of June 23, 2025)	2 weeks following EH transcript (approximate week of June 23, 2025)
Reply Briefs (if needed)	2 weeks following reply briefs (approximate week of July 7, 2025)	2 weeks following reply briefs (approximate week of July 7, 2025)	2 weeks following reply briefs (approximate week of July 7, 2025)	2 weeks following reply briefs (approximate week of July 7, 2025)
Committee files PMPD	30 days following reply briefs	August 7, 2025	August 7, 2025	August 7, 2025

ACTIVITY	APPROXIMATE INTERVALS	ENGP DATE	MBGP DATE	BRGP DATE
Hearing on Presiding Member's Proposed Decision	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Committee files errata to PMPD (if necessary)*	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Commission issues Final Decision	---	September 2025	September 2025	September 2025

Dated: September 27, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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