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Pursuant to the *Presiding Member’s Scheduling Order for the Morton Bay Geothermal Project Proceeding*,¹ Morton Bay Geothermal LLC (“the Applicant”) provides this *Status Report No. 12* to update the Committee regarding the status of the Application for Certification (“AFC”) proceeding for the Morton Bay Geothermal Project (“MBGP” or the “Project”).

I. SUMMARY OF PROGRESS OF PROCEEDING

On June 27, 2024, California Energy Commission (“CEC”) Staff docketed the Preliminary Staff Assessment (“PSA”) for the MBGP.² On September 4, 2024, the Applicant docketed comments on the PSA.³ The Applicant attended the Tribal Mitigation Workshop held on September 6, 2024, as well as the Second Preliminary Staff Assessment Technical and Mitigation Workshop held on September 19, 2024. The Applicant has received a request for additional information from CEC Staff following the workshops relating to the subject areas of biological resources, water, and construction schedules. The Applicant anticipates that it will docket responses to issues and comments raised at both workshops and in CEC Staff’s request for additional information as expeditiously as possible.

On September 24, 2024, the Applicant participated in a meet and confer with CEC Staff and Intervenor regarding the proposed schedule for this proceeding. On September 27, 2024, the Applicant and CEC Staff submitted a joint proposed schedule⁴ for the remainder of this AFC proceeding in accordance with the Committee’s *Joint Order Directing Parties to Meet and Confer and to Submit a Proposed Schedule*.⁵

II. DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT COMMUNICATIONS WITH OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AGENCIES, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

Descriptions of the Applicant’s significant communications with other federal, state, and local agencies and tribal governments are provided below.

¹ TN#: 252284.

² TN#: 257470.

³ TN#: 258975.

⁴ TN#: 259330.

⁵ TN#: 259193.

- The Applicant engaged with the Kwaaymii Laguna Band of Indians and Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe regarding the MBGP.
- On September 5, 2024, the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (“CRBRWQCB”) provided the Applicant with the Waste Discharger Identification number “7A134036N01” that has been assigned to the MBGP. The CRBRWQCB also indicated that an invoice will be generated once the fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is adopted.
- The Applicant has continued to consult with the Imperial Irrigation District (“IID”) to discuss the Project’s related facilities and IID infrastructure such as water supply canals, drain canals, transmission lines, and power distribution lines.

III. OUTCOME OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS OR MEETINGS

The Applicant participated in the Tribal Mitigation Workshop held on September 6, 2024, as well as the Second Preliminary Staff Assessment Technical and Mitigation Workshop held on September 19, 2024. The Applicant thanks CEC Staff for hosting the Workshops and appreciates the stakeholder attendance and participation at the Workshops.

IV. SCHEDULE

As indicated above, the *Joint Order Directing Parties to Meet and Confer and to Submit a Proposed Schedule* directed CEC Staff and the Applicant to prepare a joint proposed schedule for the remainder of the AFC proceeding. The Applicant and CEC Staff docketed a joint proposed schedule on September 27, 2024.

V. CONCLUSION

The Applicant continues to work with CEC Staff and stakeholders to advance this important, baseload renewable energy project in a timely manner.

Dated: September 30, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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