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**Staff's Response to Applicant's
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Requests Set 2**

On September 11, 2024, Applicant filed its "Notice Pursuant to 20 CCR § 1716(f) Regarding CEC Staff's Data Request Set 2 (TN 259124), in which Applicant objected to CEC Staff's Data Request 34.

Data Request 34 (DR 34) requested the Applicant provide a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) (or equivalent environmental assessment) for areas of ground disturbance along the transmission line, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1716 (a) and (b). California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1716 (a) provides the executive director the authority to "request or otherwise obtain from the applicant such information as is necessary for a complete staff analysis of the notice or application." Additionally, section 1716 (b) allows, in relevant part, any party to request from the applicant any information reasonably available to the applicant that is relevant to application proceedings or reasonably necessary to make any decision on the application.

Applicant objected to DR 34 and counsels for CEC Staff and Applicant met and conferred on October 9, 2024, regarding Applicant's objection to DR 34. CEC Staff reviewed Applicant's objection to DR 34 and subsequently issued Data Request 102 (DR 102) on September 27, 2024 (TN 259326) to clarify the information sought by DR 34. DR 102 requests from the Applicant, in accordance with section 1716(a) and (b), readily available information reasonably accessible to the Applicant regarding the condition of the property along the preferred Gen-Tie route. DR 34 is effectively withdrawn, and CEC Staff are not expecting Applicant to provide a response to DR 34. CEC Staff will rely upon and evaluate the responses to DR 102 in its assessment of the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

Dated: October 11, 2024

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