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Hearing Officer Memorandum

To: All Parties and Persons Interested in the
Morton Bay Geothermal Project (23-AFC-01)
Elmore North Geothermal Project (23-AFC-02)
Black Rock Geothermal Project (23-AFC-03)

Date: January 6, 2025

From: Ralph Lee, Hearing Officer
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Subject: Applicants' Joint Motion to Extend the Deadline to Respond to Request for Information Regarding Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources (Joint Motion)

On behalf of the Presiding Member of these proceedings, the Hearing Officers acknowledge the Applicants' Joint Motion filed January 3, 2025.¹ The Joint Motion seeks an extension of the deadline for Applicants, Intervenor, local and tribal governments, and other interested persons to file reports and comments in response to the Committees' December 4, 2024, request for information regarding cultural and tribal cultural resources.² Applicants seek an extension from January 8, 2025, to January 17, 2025. Applicants' Joint Motion describes notifying the other parties of its intent to seek relief from the schedule. Applicants state that they received "written responses from CEC Staff ... stating that they had no objections to the request," but the Joint Motion did not include the documentary evidence of Staff's statement.

Due to the potential impact of an extended deadline on Staff's ability to timely prepare Final Staff Assessments in these proceedings, it is important to verify Staff's position on Applicants' Joint Motion. The Presiding Member is preparing an order in response to Applicants' Joint Motion, the posture of which shall be contingent on Applicants filing a written response from Staff that demonstrates unqualified non-opposition to Applicants' intent to seek an extension of the January 8, 2025, deadline to January 17, 2025.

The Hearing Officers request Applicants to file the written response from CEC staff referenced in the Joint Motion **no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Tuesday, January 7, 2025**, for the Presiding Member to timely file a response to the Applicants' Joint Motion.

¹ TN 260891, TN 260892, & TN 260893.

² TN 260569, TN 260570, & TN 260571.