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Re: City of San Juan Capistrano Request for Reimbursement Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 25538 – NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY

Dear Paul Garcia:

The California Energy Commission (CEC) received the City of San Juan Capistrano's request for reimbursement letter and estimate of expenses for review of the Compass Energy Storage Project (24-OPT-02) Opt-In Certification Application on December 23, 2024 (TN 260800). CEC staff reviewed the request for reimbursement and proposed budget and determined the proposed budget is incomplete. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1878.1(c)(3), the CEC is providing a list of deficiencies that must be corrected to complete the proposed budget and process the reimbursement request.

The following details the deficiencies that must be corrected to complete the proposed budget request process under California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1878.1:

A. Justification of Line-Items

California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1878.1(c) requires the proposed budget to justify each line-item amount and explain how each line-item is reasonably related to the matters which the agency is requested to review. Attachment A, City Budget Summary, identifies line-item costs for multiple categories.

Attachment A City Budget Summary

Costs incurred by City of San Juan Capistrano staff and Counsel	\$89,970.62
Net Economic Impact Analysis	\$114,000.00
Review and Comment under CEQA	\$160,000.00
Wildfire Assessment	\$83,800.00
Design, Construction and Operation; Public Convenience and Necessity	\$50,000.00
Storm Water Assessment	\$39,385.00
Development Impact Permit Fees	\$2,702,984.65
TOTAL:	\$3,240,140.27

However, the city's proposed budget does not include justification for each line-item budget amount and does not explain how it is reasonably related to the matters which the agency is requested to review. In addition, please provide sufficient detail for each line-item category. As an example, please identify the expenses included in the "Review and Comment under CEQA," "Development Impact Permit Fees," and "Wildfire Assessment" by line-items in addition to the total amount for these categories. Please update your request to include this information.

Note that the CEC staff does not expect the city to develop exhaustive analysis on the application or to procure expertise to review an application. Local jurisdictions generally focus their comments on topical areas of local concern and identify local laws that the jurisdiction wants to highlight for staff such as noise ordinances, local methods of calculating vehicle miles traveled, or local architectural standards. For samples of prior comment letters from local jurisdictions, see:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=243152&DocumentContentId=76834>

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=245911&DocumentContentId=80088>

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To complete the proposed budget request process under California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1878.1, please submit via the docket a revised proposed budget correcting the identified deficiencies. If you have any questions about the information identified as necessary to correct the deficiencies, please email CEC staff's project manager, Renee Longman, at Renee.Longman@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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