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In the Matter of:

Application for Certification for the
Morton Bay Geothermal Project

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**APPLICANT’S RESPONSE TO STAFF’S MOTION TO EXTEND THE DUE DATE
FOR THE FINAL STAFF ASSESSMENTS**

Pursuant to Section 1211.5 of the California Energy Commission’s (“CEC”) Rules of Practice and Procedure¹ and the Committee’s *Revised Joint Scheduling Order and Request for Information Regarding Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources*,² Morton Bay Geothermal LLC provides this response to CEC Staff’s *Motion to Extend the Due Date for the Final Staff Assessments*³ (“Staff’s Motion”).

Staff’s Motion requests an order from the Committee delaying the publication date for the Morton Bay Geothermal Project Final Staff Assessment. While the Applicant does not object to Staff’s Motion, it notes that several of the informational requests cited by Staff as justification for the requested delay are outside of the Applicant’s control and will require cooperation and diligence by third parties. Without control over these third parties, it is difficult to estimate delivery dates for these items, and therefore, the Applicant views the extension as effectively indefinite at this time.

Dated: January 31, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Set forth in Title 20, Division 2, Chapter 2 of the California Code of Regulations.

² TN#: 260569.

³ TN#: 261286.