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STATUS REPORT NO. 17

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INTRODUCTION

California Unions for Reliable Energy (“CURE”) submits this status report in the Morton Bay Geothermal Project, Elmore North Geothermal Project, and Black Rock Geothermal Project (collectively “Proposed Projects”) proceedings pursuant to the Presiding Member’s Second Revised Joint Scheduling Order and Order Granting Staff’s Motion to Extend Due Dates.¹ Intervenor status reports must include: (1) a summary of any significant communications with other Parties and other federal, state, local agencies, and tribal governments; (2) a description of the outcome of any public workshop or other coordination meetings held during that month; and, (3) a discussion any factors it is aware of that impact the schedule of the proceeding.²

DISCUSSION

A. Summary of Significant Communications

CURE is reviewing records obtained from state and federal agencies related to the Proposed Projects and continues to follow up on outstanding public records requests.

B. Description of the Outcome of Public Workshops or Other Meetings

No noticed public workshops or meetings were held for the Proposed Projects during the month of February 2025.

C. Factors that May Impact the Schedule

On February 7, 2025, Morton Bay Geothermal LLC, Elmore North Geothermal LLC, and Black Rock Geothermal LLC (“Applicants”) filed motions to suspend the Applications for Certification (“AFC”) in each of the Projects’ respective proceedings. The Motions seek orders from the Committees directing the following:³

- Suspension of the AFC proceedings, including immediate suspension of CEC staff’s activities relating to the projects;
- Filing of quarterly status reports by the applicants;
- Filing by staff of the itemized list of outstanding information needed to produce the Final Staff Assessment;
- Resumption of the proceeding upon the docketing of notice by the applicants to resume AFC proceedings; and

¹ TN # 261551, TN # 261152, TN # 261553.

² *Ibid.*

³ TN # 261639, TN # 261640, TN # 261641.

- Confirmation that the applicants may continue to file the informational items identified in the itemized list submitted by CEC Staff.

As detailed in its response, CURE does not oppose a suspension of the AFC proceedings, but is concerned that allowing Applicants to submit outstanding information on a rolling basis during the suspension may result in unnecessary expenditures and procedural inefficiencies.⁴ Accordingly, CURE requested that the Committees require that Applicants to submit all outstanding information in a single- comprehensive supplemental filing concurrently with their notice to resume proceedings.⁵ If the proceedings are suspended, CURE requests that the Committee relieve Intervenor of reporting obligations during the suspension and implement enhanced reporting requirements for Applicants to ensure transparency during the suspension period.⁶

Staff concurred with CURE's recommendation that the Applicants submit a single, comprehensive supplemental filing concurrently with their notice to resume proceedings.⁷ Staff also concurred with CURE that quarterly status reports were too infrequent, but suggested bimonthly status reports to allow for the committees and parties to monitor the applicants' efforts to diligently address project barriers.⁸ CURE concurs with Staff's recommendation that the applicants be required to provide at least a 30-day notice of their intent to resume the proceedings.

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Respectfully submitted,

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⁴ TN # 261713, TN # 261714, TN # 261715.

⁵ *Ibid.*

⁶ *Ibid.*

⁷ TN # 261784; TN # 261785; TN # 261786.

⁸ *Ibid.*