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In the Matter of:

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**INTERVENOR CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
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Pursuant to the California Energy Commission's ("CEC") *Order Granting In Part and Denying In Part Applicant's Motion to Amend Revised Scheduling Order*, 21-AFC-02 (TN 260752), Intervenor Center for Biological Diversity (the "Center") respectfully submits this Status Report. As directed by the Committee's order, the monthly status reports must inform the Committee whether the case is progressing satisfactorily and highlight potential delays and other relevant matters. (*Id.*).

I. Progress of the Proceeding

Since submitting its last status report (TN 261984), the Center has reviewed the following filings related to water and biological resources:

- The Applicant's Supplemental Preliminary Delineation of Jurisdictional Waters and associated appendices (TN 261991 – TN 261995);
- The Applicant's Additional Information Related to DR128 – Delineation of Jurisdictional Waters Report (TN 262243 – TN 262244);
- CEC's Staff's follow-up requests on biological and water resources (TN 262149 and TN 262088), along with the Applicant's responses (TN 262180, TN 262196);
- The Applicant's responses to CEC Staff regarding the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board's request for information (TN 262349);
- The Applicant's Notice of Intent to Comply with the Terms of Water Quality Discharge Order No. 2003-0003-DWQ (TN 262295); and
- Correspondence from the California Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams (TN 262156).

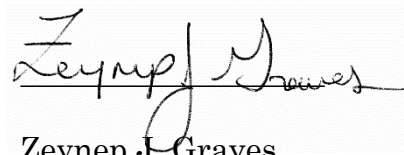
The Center has also started its review of CEC Staff's Partial Preliminary Staff Assessment (TN 262184).

Additionally, on February 28, 2025, Center attorney, Zeynep Graves, conferred with with Erika Giorgi, Senior Attorney at the CEC, regarding CEC Staff's then-anticipated motion to extend the deadline for filing the Preliminary Staff Assessment. On March 3, 2025, the Center confirmed that it has no objection to CEC Staff's request.

II. Potential Delays and Other Relevant Matters

In light of the most recent information exchanges, the Center's meet and confer with Ms. Giorgi, and the updates provided in the Applicant's and CEC Staff's February status reports, the Center anticipates delays associated with the publication of the complete Preliminary Staff Assessment. The Center is not currently aware of any other matters requiring the Committee's attention.

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