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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Energy Resources Conservation
and Development Commission**

In the Matter of:

Application for Certification of the
Willow Rock Energy Storage Center

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**WILLOW ROCK ENERGY STORAGE CENTER
SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
STATUS REPORT NO. 9**

Pursuant to the *Committee’s Fourth Revised Scheduling Order* issued on April 15, 2025 (“Committee Order”),¹ GEM A-CAES LLC (the “Applicant”) submits this *Supplemental Application for Certification Status Report No. 9* to inform the Committee of the progress of the Application for Certification proceeding for the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center (the “WRESC”).

I. SCHEDULE AND PRELIMINARY STAFF ASSESSMENT

The Applicant looks forward to publication of the Preliminary Staff Assessment on or before April 30, 2025, consistent with the Committee Order.

II. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

The Applicant has the following updates to report:

- Continued local stakeholder engagement including Kern County, Kern Economic Development Corporation, Safe Haven, Adventist Health, Antelope Valley College, Rosamond Community Services District, Southern California Edison, numerous Chambers of Commerce and community groups.
- Continued engagement with the California Public Utilities Commission on the Mid-Term Reliability and Long Duration Energy Storage (“LDES”) procurement requirements decided as part of the Integrated Resource Planning proceeding.

CONCLUSION


The Applicant looks forward to the publication of the Preliminary Staff Assessment for this important long duration energy storage project, which is key to meeting California’s climate and energy goals while maintaining reliability of the grid.

¹ TN #: 262690.

Dated: April 25, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

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