

DOCKETED	
Docket Number:	21-AFC-02
Project Title:	Willow Rock Energy Storage Center
TN #:	263264
Document Title:	Applicant's Status Report No 10
Description:	Applicant's Status Report No 10
Filer:	Jeffery D. Harris
Organization:	Climate Edge Law Group
Submitter Role:	Applicant Representative
Submission Date:	5/23/2025 9:20:47 AM
Docketed Date:	5/23/2025

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

In the Matter of:

Application for Certification of the
Willow Rock Energy Storage Center

Docket No. 21-AFC-02

**WILLOW ROCK ENERGY STORAGE CENTER
SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
STATUS REPORT NO. 10**

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. 10* 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 welcomed the publication of the Preliminary Staff Assessment ("PSA") on April 29, 2025.² The Applicant appreciates the hard work of the Staff in publishing the WRESC PSA, a superior work product.

The Applicant's team has been reviewing the PSA to prepare for the June 5, 2025 PSA Workshop to be held in Kern County. The Applicant is also diligently working on written comments on the PSA, due on June 16, 2025.

The Applicant also wishes to thank the Committee for sending the memorandum to the Parties asking them to hold Friday August 15, 2025 for the WRESC Prehearing Conference and Monday August 18, 2025 and Tuesday August 19, 2025 for Evidentiary Hearings.³ These events are important milestones to ensure timely consideration of this important project, and the Applicant appreciates the Committee's foresight and diligence.

II. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

The Applicant has been working very closely with Kern County. The Applicant is pleased to have received Kern County's letter titled "Conditional Position of Support": "The Kern County Board of Supervisors supports the approval of the Willow Rock Energy Center Project (Docket Number 21-AFC-02), as Kern County has been on the frontlines of providing energy for America for over 120 years and continues today with oil, gas, wind, solar and alternative fuels." As the County concludes, "Kern County is the center of energy for California and, when appropriately conditioned,

—#

¹ TN #: 262690.

² TN #: 262850

³ TN #: 262900.

the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center will be an asset to the Kern County energy portfolio and long-term contribution to our communities and fiscal stability.” The Applicant is grateful for Kern County’s diligence in advancing the needs of the people of Kern and the State of California.


CONCLUSION

The Applicant appreciates the significant milestones achieved since the last Status Report, particularly the publication of the WRESC Preliminary Staff Assessment and the notice regarding the WRESC Prehearing Conference and Evidentiary Hearings. The Applicant looks forward to continuing to work with all Parties and the public to advance this important long duration energy storage project, which is key to meeting California’s climate and energy goals while maintaining reliability of the grid.

Dated: May 23, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

CLIMATE EDGE LAW GROUP

By: 

Jeffery D. Harris

Samantha G. Neumyer

JHarris@CELawGroup.com

Samantha@CELawGroup.com

Attorneys for Applicant