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Mission Rock Energy Center, LLC (the “Applicant”), provides this Notice of Suspension of the Application for Certification (“Application”) for the Mission Rock Energy Center.

The Mission Rock Energy Center is intended to address the local reliability needs in the Moorpark Subarea of the Big Creek/Ventura local reliability area. It is a modern, efficient, flexible and unique project, combining gas-fired generation peaking capacity with battery energy storage, voltage support, and black start capabilities. However, since the Mission Rock Energy Center was proposed, California policies and programs relating to grid reliability—particularly local reliability and procurement—have been in transition. Southern California Edison recently published its Request for Offers for local reliability projects in the Moorpark Subarea (the “RFO”) which does not appear to present an opportunity for the Mission Rock Energy Center, as presently before the Commission, to participate. Nevertheless, policy changes currently under evaluation may further shape markets,¹ and it is unclear at this time whether the reliability issues in the Moorpark Subarea created by the departure of 2,000 megawatts of local generation will be resolved by the proposed transmission solutions and procurement from the RFO.

Accordingly, the Applicant is requesting that the Committee suspend the processing of this Application to provide time for these issues to resolve. Suspending the proceeding also

¹See, CPUC proceeding, R.17-09-020. *See also*, <http://www.caiso.com/informed/Pages/StakeholderProcesses/FlexibleResourceAdequacyCriteria-MustOfferObligations.aspx>

recognizes and preserves the value of the time and resources spent on this analysis by Staff, the Commission and other participants. Once these processes advance and provide more market certainty, the Applicant will petition the Commission to resume or modify the processing of this Application.

The Applicant wishes to acknowledge and thank the Staff and the Committee for their work on this Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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