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Ms. Barbara McBride
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RE: PASTORIA ENERGY FACILITY (99-AFC-07C) AUTHORIZATION OF INTERCONNECTION OF PASTORIA SOLAR PROJECT TO SWITCHYARD

Dear Ms. McBride:

On April 29, 2021, the California Energy Commission staff received an inquiry regarding the interconnection of the neighboring Pastoria Solar Project (PSP) into the existing Pastoria Energy Facility (PEF) switchyard. The proposed activities include the addition of several circuit breakers and grounding switches in the PEF switchyard. The PSP is currently under development and is expected to begin construction in late 2021 or early 2022. The modifications to the switchyard will be conducted as part of the PSP's construction.

Staff has reviewed the proposed activities and determined that the activities are not subject to Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1769, and therefore do not require approval of a post-certification petition. This is because the proposed offsite activities will not change the project design, operation or performance requirements in the Final Commission Decision, and Condition of Certification TSE-2 allows the Compliance Project Manager to approve changes to the switchyard design requirements listed in TSE-1.

The activities proposed onsite (i.e. inside the PEF switchyard) will require Delegate Chief Building Official (DCBO) oversight for plan review and approval, and construction inspections. No work can proceed on these onsite activities until the CEC assigns a DCBO. The project owner is expected to adhere to all applicable Conditions of Certification in the Final Commission Decision, or as amended. This includes providing evidence that the changes to the switchyard comply with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (LORS) and

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that the changes do not cause the existing portions of the switchyard to fall out of compliance with LORS. The final as-built drawings of the modified Pastoria switchyard must be submitted to the DCBO when the modifications are complete.

You are hereby authorized to proceed with the onsite activities as outlined above, pending a DCBO work authorization approval. Should the scope of the above noted activities change, please contact us as this may change our decision that the activities do not require approval of a post-certification petition.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mary Dyas, Compliance Project Manager, Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Office, at (916) 628-5418, or via email at Mary.Dyas@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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