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## CLARIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR AGENCY PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW OF PECHO ENERGY STORAGE CENTER (21-AFC-01)

On November 23, 2021, Pecho LD Energy Storage, LLC, (applicant), a joint venture of Hydrostor, Inc. and Meridiam Infrastructure Partners, filed an Application for Certification (AFC) with the California Energy Commission (CEC) to construct and operate an advanced compressed air energy storage facility at 2284 Adobe Road in unincorporated San Luis Obispo County, just over one mile east of the City of Morro Bay. On February 7, 2022, the CEC mailed a Notice of Receipt and a Request for Agency Participation in the Review of the Pecho Energy Storage Center Project.<sup>1</sup>

The project application is still being reviewed for completeness and confirmation that an AFC is appropriate at this time. Staff acknowledges that it may be difficult for agencies to produce an estimated budget for review, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1715(c)(2), until the issue of whether an AFC is appropriate for this project at this time and until whichever type of application has been determined to be required is deemed complete. Therefore, this letter serves to clarify that the Request for Agency Participation was not a formal request for review for purposes of California Code Regulations, title 20, section 1715. Once the above issues have been resolved, the Chair, Presiding Member, or executive director will issue a formal request to review the application to applicable agencies. In the meantime, the CEC welcomes any comments agencies may have on the completeness, or lack thereof, of the application.

A copy of the AFC as well as other project information, can be found on the CEC's webpage for this project at https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/caes/pecho-energy-storage-center.

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<sup>1</sup> https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=241445&DocumentContentId=75399

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Sincerely,

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