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Memorandum

**To:** Commissioner Kourtney Vaccaro, Presiding Member  
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**Subject: STATUS REPORT #2 FOR WILLOW ROCK ENERGY STORAGE CENTER (21-AFC-02)**

In its August 31, 2022 Order directing parties to file Monthly Status Reports, the Committee required that the parties file and serve a Status Report on or before the 26th of each month.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) staff has commenced work on a Preliminary Staff Assessment, which we expect to publish within 60 days of acknowledging in a status report that we have no further data requests.

The CEC staff is currently engaged in discovery efforts. The CEC staff previously docketed Data Requests Set 1 (Set 1) on July 26, 2022. Since that time, the applicant has provided partial responses via multiple filings.

In a filing dated August 15, 2022, the applicant raised objections to various data requests from Set 1. In the Committee's scheduling order dated August 26, 2022, the Committee advised the CEC staff and the applicant to hold a workshop to seek a resolution of these objections. The CEC staff provided public notice of the workshop on September 30, 2022, and held the workshop remotely on October 11, 2022. The CEC staff and the applicant made significant progress towards resolving outstanding issues at the workshop, and are currently working to capture all associated agreements in a joint filing as directed by the Committee in the scheduling order.

Staff docketed its second set of data requests on October 21, 2022.