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Subject: STATUS REPORT #3 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 docketed Data Requests Set 1 (Set 1) on July 26, 2022, and Data Requests Set 2 (Set 2) on October 21, 2022. In addition, the CEC staff and the applicant held a workshop on October 11, 2022, to discuss objections raised by the applicant in a filing docketed on August 15, 2022. The applicant has provided partial responses to Set 1 and Set 2 via multiple filings and has requested extensions to file additional responses later. Counsel for the CEC staff and the applicant continue to negotiate the final language of a joint statement capturing the agreements reached at the workshop—draft language for the joint statement was transmitted to applicant’s counsel by the CEC counsel on November 8, 2022, and applicant’s counsel responded on November 22, 2022, with suggested edits. The CEC counsel is currently reviewing those edits.