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APPLICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL DESIGNATION (Title 20 Cal. Code. Regs., § 2505 et seq.)

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TO: Energy Commission Docket Unit

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Proceeding or Project Name: Valero Cogeneration Project

Docket Number: Application No. 2488/2695

- 1(a). Title, date, and description (including number of pages) of the information or data for which you request confidential designation. **Information or data seeking a designation of confidentiality must be included with this application.**

2023 Annual Mass Emissions Report

- 1(b). Specify the part(s) of the information or data for which you request confidential designation.

Section 1: Mass Emissions and Fuel Use Summary (Heat Input Rate monthly averages on right side of page and totals)

Section 6: Fuel Gas Sulfur Content Report (same info redacted as above)

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2. State and justify the length of time the Energy Commission should keep the information or data confidential.

Information labeled as confidential shall remain confidential indefinitely. This information is indicative of firing rates and design capacity of the cogeneration unit, which is trade secret information that could be used by competitors or vendors at any point in time to Valero's detriment.

- 3(a). State the provision(s) of the Public Records Act (Gov. Code, § 6250 et seq.) or other law that allows the Energy Commission to keep the information or data confidential, and explain why the provision(s) apply to that material.

The California Public Records Act allows for non-disclosure of trade secrets (California Government Code 6254(k) and 6276.44, see also California Evidence Code 1060) This information is also protected by the Petroleum Industry Information Act (PIIRA), Cal. Pub. Resources Code 25364.

- 3(b). Discuss the public interest in nondisclosure of the material submitted for a confidential designation. If the material contains trade secrets or its disclosure would otherwise cause loss of a competitive advantage, please state how it would be lost, the value of the information to the applicant and the ease or difficulty with which the information could be legitimately acquired or duplicated by others.

The information to be protected contains proprietary business information and trade secrets. Disclosure of this information to the public would result in unfair competitive disadvantage to the Valero Benicia Refinery.

4. State whether the information or data can be disclosed if it is aggregated with other information or masked to conceal certain portions (including but not limited to the identity of the applicant). State the degree of aggregation or masking required. If the data cannot be disclosed even if aggregated or masked, explain why.

The confidential information identified in this application cannot be aggregated. This information is required as part of the quarterly submittal required by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

5. State how the material is kept confidential by the applicant and whether it has even been disclosed to a person other than an employee of the applicant. If it has, explain the circumstances under which disclosure occurred.

This information is kept on secured servers owned by Valero and in a secure location at the Valero Benicia Refinery. This information is only shared with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District through required quarterly submittals.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information contained in this application for confidential designation is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I am authorized to make the application and certification on behalf of the applicant.

Dated: 2/27/2024

Signed: _____



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Include additional signature blocks if there are multiple partners in the project with shared responsibilities for making the request.