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Application for Confidential Designation: Morton Bay Geothermal Project Docket No. 23-AFC-01

Dear Samantha G. Neumyer:

The California Energy Commission (CEC) has received Morton Bay Geothermal Project's (applicant) Application for Confidentiality, dated January 26, 2024 (TN 254207), covering the following data:

• BHE Cluster System Impact Study and New Appendix H

The applicant seeks confidentiality for the data pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 2505(a)(4) as a repeated application.

California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 2505(a)(4) provides: "Repeated Applications for Confidential Designation. If an applicant is seeking a confidential designation for information that is substantially similar to information that was previously deemed confidential by the CEC pursuant to section 2508, or for which an application for confidential designation was granted by the executive director pursuant to 2505(a)(3)(A) of this section, the new application need contain only a certification, executed under penalty of perjury, stating that the information submitted is substantially similar to the previously submitted information and that all the facts and circumstances relevant to confidentiality remain unchanged. An application meeting these criteria will be approved."

Here, the applicant has attested under penalty of perjury that the information contained in the application is substantially similar to information previously deemed confidential by the CEC under section 2505(a)(3)(A) and that all the facts and circumstances relevant to confidentiality remain unchanged. The previous application was granted May 22, 2023, in response letter TN 250257, docket No. 23-AFC-01.

Therefore, the CEC designates the data as confidential for the life of the project. This confidentiality period is consistent with the period previously granted. Samantha G. Neumyer March 4, 2024 Page 2

Be advised that under the California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 2506, one may petition to inspect or copy records that the CEC has designated as confidential. A decision on a petition to inspect or copy records is issued by the CEC's chief counsel. Under the California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 2507, the executive director may disclose, or release records previously designated as confidential in certain circumstances. The procedures for acting on a petition and criteria for disclosing or releasing records previously designated as confidential are set in the California Code of Regulations, title 20, sections 2506 to 2507.

If you have questions, please email <u>confidentialityapplication@energy.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Drew Bohan Executive Director