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Pursuant to the *Presiding Member’s Scheduling Order for the Morton Bay Geothermal Project Proceeding*,¹ Morton Bay Geothermal LLC (“the Applicant”) provides this *Status Report No. 7* to update the Committee regarding the status of the Application for Certification proceeding for the Morton Bay Geothermal Project (“MBGP”).

I. SUMMARY OF PROGRESS OF DISCOVERY

Based on recent information exchanges with California Energy Commission (“CEC”) Staff and the California Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division (“CalGEM”), the Applicant provided informal data responses in the subject area of geological resources, specifically addressing concerns raised in public comments² relating to the adequacy of the Salton Sea Geothermal Field.

II. DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT COMMUNICATIONS WITH OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AGENCIES, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

A brief description of the Applicant’s significant communications with other federal, state, and local agencies, and tribal governments is provided below.

- The Applicant continues to engage with local Native American tribes. The Applicant is working to schedule a tour of existing geothermal facilities for an elder of the Kwaaymii Laguna Band of Indians.
- On April 19, 2024 the Applicant submitted a follow-up notification letter to the U.S. Marine Corps in accordance with guidance received from the Department of Defense.
- The statutory deadline for a response from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) on the Letter of Map Revision application was April 10, 2024. However, a change in vendor reviewing applications by FEMA has caused a delay. The Applicant received informal, minor comments from FEMA and provided responses.

¹ TN#: 252284.

² TN#: 254691, 255704.

- On March 28, 2024 the Applicant met with Imperial Irrigation District (“IID”) to provide the project permitting status. The Applicant directed IID to CEC Staff for questions on the preliminary staff assessment.

III. OUTCOME OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS OR MEETINGS

As discussed above, the Applicant participated in information exchanges with CEC Staff and CalGEM related to geological resources specifically relating to the resource adequacy of the Salton Sea Geothermal Field.

IV. SCHEDULE

The Applicant is diligently working with all parties and stakeholders to advance this important, much needed baseload renewable energy project.

Dated: April 30, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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