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## VIA DOCKET UNIT E-FILING SYSTEM

Mr. Drew Bohan
Executive Director
California Energy Commission
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RE: Compass Energy Storage Project – Geotechnical Supplement

Dear Director Bohan:

In keeping with ENGIE North America's "Safety First" mandate, Compass Energy Storage, LLC proactively requests that the geotechnical analysis on our current application be paused to allow us to submit additional design and technical materials to our Opt-in application. We have concluded that this is necessary to ensure both the CEC and the public have adequate information to evaluate, understand, and effectively respond to the long-term slope stability of Oso Creek adjacent to the Project site.

Based on new information we received in the last 3 weeks regarding increased erosion and slope stabilization conditions that have occurred along Oso Creek in the last 12 months, we intend to make design changes to ensure the Project addresses and mitigates those issues. These issues can be fully resolved but they will require us to revise and supplement documents in our application. We understand that this may affect the current 270 day decision schedule – until the technical documents are submitted for review. We anticipate submitting design and technical materials in the next 60 days.

We are confident the issues can be addressed and have no hesitation to proceed. We believe our revised design will not only make for a better project, but will also provide an opportunity to address a long-standing issue in Oso Creek that will benefit the region. There are numerous solutions we are considering and we will confer with the CEC about these options in the next few weeks once we have new analysis available.

We would like to continue with the scheduled CEC staff geoscience site visit next week so that we can obtain CEC SME input as we clarify the design considerations.

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If you have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to contact Renée Robin, J.D., Director of Planning & Permitting, at <a href="mailto:renée.robin@engie.com">renée.robin@engie.com</a>.

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