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**RE: Appeal Response**

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**Supplier Clearinghouse Verification Order Number: 26000210**

Nora Feyl:

The Supplier Clearinghouse has carefully considered the facts presented by Ailm Underground Inc in the appeal meeting held July 02, 2026, the application, and supporting documentation submitted to the Clearinghouse. The denial is hereby affirmed and the decision to deny Ailm Underground Inc Women Business Enterprise ("WBE") certification is upheld. The upholding of the denial is supported by evidence in the record and is consistent with General Order 156 and Supplier Clearinghouse Guidelines.

A full review of your certification file and the information submitted in your appeal has been completed. The evidence supports the Supplier Clearinghouse's determination that the firm does not meet the eligibility standards established under General Order 156.

The primary reasons for upholding the denial are explained below:

The firm submitted an application to the Supplier Clearinghouse identifying Nora Feyl, a woman who owns 51% and serves as the firm's Chief Executive Officer; and William Feyl, a male who owns 49% and serves as the firm's Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.

In the appeal and during the appeal review meeting, Ms. Feyl stated that Ailm Underground Inc. is a newly formed company that has not yet commenced project work and that she is responsible for identifying contract opportunities, developing client relationships, negotiating agreements, making financial decisions, and determining which projects the firm will pursue. Ms. Feyl further stated that Mr. Feyl's estimating and licensing responsibilities are technical and supporting functions that do not provide him with control over the business.

During the appeal review meeting, Ms. Feyl confirmed that the firm's proposed service is utility estimating and that Mr. Feyl will perform the estimating work once a contract is secured. Ms. Feyl acknowledged that she does not have estimating experience and described estimating as a significant part of the firm's

services. Ms. Feyl also confirmed that Mr. Feyl currently performs similar estimating services through his employment and has experience providing those services for utility companies.

While Ms. Feyl is responsible for the firm's business development and administrative activities, Ailm Underground Inc. relies on Mr. Feyl for the technical expertise and estimating functions necessary to provide the firm's proposed services. The firm has not performed any contracts or provided services demonstrating that Ms. Feyl independently controls and operates the business beyond its current startup and business development activities.

Under General Order 156, certification as a Women Business Enterprise requires that the qualifying owner independently control and operate the business. Based on the division of responsibilities and the firm's reliance on Mr. Feyl to perform its core estimating services, the evidence does not demonstrate that Ms. Feyl independently controls and operates Ailm Underground Inc.

Based on the information provided in the original application, supporting documentation, appeal, and appeal review meeting, Ailm Underground Inc. does not meet the eligibility requirements under General Order 156 and the Supplier Clearinghouse Eligibility Standards for Women Business Enterprise certification. For the reasons explained in this letter, the denial of Ailm Underground Inc is being upheld. You may reapply for certification twelve (12) months from the date of the denial letter (May 13, 2026).

You may lodge a formal appeal of this decision to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) within 20 days from the date of this letter in accordance with General Order 156. If you elect to do so, you must also submit a copy of your formal appeal to the Supplier Clearinghouse.

Thank you for your interest in the Supplier Diversity Program. If you have any questions, you may contact our offices toll-free at (800) 359-7998.

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**Jasmin Joseph**
**Certification Director**