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IN THE MATTER OF:

Willow Rock Energy Storage Center

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE PRESIDING MEMBER’S PROPOSED DECISION,
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, AND NOTICE OF CALIFORNIA ENERGY
COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 19, 2025**

I. NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Committee¹ assigned by the California Energy Commission (CEC) to conduct proceedings on the Application for Certification (AFC, or Application) for the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center (Willow Rock, or proposed project) has published its Presiding Member’s Proposed Decision (Proposed Decision) as required by California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1745.5(a).

The Proposed Decision was filed with the CEC’s Docket Unit in this proceeding and posted to Docket No. 21-AFC-02 (TN 267183). A link to the document was e-mailed to the Proof of Service list and the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center AFC listserv. The Proposed Decision may be viewed or downloaded from the CEC’s website at:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=267183>

For assistance in viewing the Proposed Decision, please contact the Public Advisor as described below in the section titled **Public Advisor and Other CEC Contacts**.

II. NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The CEC and the Committee invite interested persons, public agencies, and other entities to submit written comments on the Proposed Decision prior to the CEC hearing, where it will be

¹ On March 10, 2023, the CEC amended its designation of a committee consisting of Andrew McAllister, Commissioner and Presiding Member, and Noemí Gallardo, Commissioner and Associate Member, to preside over any proceedings arising from the Application. (TN 249087.) This and all other documents related to this proceeding may be found in the [online docket](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-AFC-02) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-AFC-02>.

considered for adoption. Any written comments on the Proposed Decision must be received by **5:00 p.m. on December 12, 2025.**

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1745.5(c), any person may file written comments on the Proposed Decision within a comment period of at least 30 days from the date of filing. In order to ensure that comments on the Proposed Decision are considered, they must either be electronically uploaded to the e-commenting system, included in an e-mail received by the Docket Unit, or physically delivered to the CEC via mail on or before the above date and time.

Comments may be submitted electronically to the 21-AFC-02 comment page, at:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=21-AFC-02>

Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Otherwise, written comments may be submitted for posting on the proceeding docket by emailing them to the Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov or e-mailing them to the Docket Unit at docket@energy.ca.gov, or sending them by U.S. Mail to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit
Docket Number: 21-AFC-02
715 P Street, MS-14
Sacramento, CA 95814

For all written comments, please include the docket number and proceeding name "Docket No. 21-AFC-02 Willow Rock Energy Storage Center" in the subject line and on the cover page.

Following the end of the comment period, the Committee may prepare errata describing any changes to the Proposed Decision it recommends after its consideration of comments from the Parties and the public, and present it for the CEC's consideration at the Public Hearing.

Please note: Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., name, address, phone, e-mail, etc.) provided by the submitter become part of the viewable public record.

III. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AT THE CEC BUSINESS MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1747(a) the CEC will conduct a Public Hearing as an item of business at the December 19, 2025, Business Meeting to consider the Proposed Decision, any errata, and comments. The CEC may adopt a Final Decision at the Business Meeting.

The Business Meeting information is as follows:

Friday, December 19, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

REMOTE ACCESS OR IN-PERSON

In-person at:

California Natural Resources Building
715 P Street, First Floor Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Wheelchair Accessible)

Remote Access via Zoom™

<https://zoom.us/> Meeting ID: **886 5692 5780** Passcode: **energy**

See **Attendance Instructions** below to participate remotely.

Government and Public Participation

Government entities including California Native American tribes and local, state, and federal agencies, interested persons, and members of the public may attend the CEC Business Meeting via Zoom or in person, as instructed above, and may provide oral comments during designated times during the proceedings. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one speaker per entity, depending on the number of commenters.

In-Person Attendance Instructions

Visitors to the California Natural Resources Headquarters Building attending the Business Meeting held in the first-floor auditorium should proceed directly to the auditorium and do not need to sign in at the lobby security desk. Please note that visitors without a visitor badge or staff escort are solely permitted in the auditorium, restrooms, and cafeteria.

Remote Access Attendance Instructions

Remote access is available via Zoom by internet by phone.

Zoom: Click the link below to participate and provide public comment via Zoom:

<https://energy.zoom.us/j/88656925780?pwd=py3OLuObci5rwPpagkvKQ6I1hefubk.1>. Zoom may also be accessed at <https://zoom.us/join>. To join, enter the **meeting ID 886 5692 5780** and the **password energy**. To participate by phone, dial (669) 900-6833 or toll free at (888) 475-4499 and **enter meeting ID 886 5692 5780**. For Zoom technical support dial (888) 799-9666 ext. 2 or contact the CEC's Public Advisor for help at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov or (916) 269-9595.

If you are experiencing difficulties accessing the business meeting using the link or call-in information appearing above, please visit the business meeting event page for this meeting at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/proceedings/business-meetings> for the most up-to-date information.

Zoom Closed Captioning Service. If joining via the internet, at the bottom of the screen, click the Live Transcript CC icon and choose "Show Subtitle" or "View Full Transcript" from the pop-up menu. To stop closed captioning, close the "Live Transcript" or select "Hide Subtitle" from the pop-up menu. If joining by phone, closed captioning is automatic and cannot be turned off. While closed captioning is available in real-time, it can include errors. A more accurate official transcript of the workshop will be docketed and posted as soon as possible after the meeting concludes.

Interpreting Services

Spanish and other language interpreters can be provided at the Public Hearing during the Business Meeting, if requested. The CEC suggests making the request for interpreting services as soon as possible to help ensure we can adequately accommodate the request. To request interpretation services, please contact the CEC's Public Advisor at the e-mail address or phone number below.

Public Advisor

The CEC's Public Advisor assists members of the public with participation in CEC proceedings, including accessing documents such as this Proposed Decision. To request assistance, interpreting services, or reasonable modifications and accommodations, or for information on how to participate in this proceeding, please email publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov, or call (916) 957-7910 at least five days in advance of each event. The CEC will work diligently to meet all requests based on availability.

Transcripts

The CEC Public Hearing for this proceeding will be officially transcribed by a court reporter and filed to the docket. Parties are responsible for identifying errors in the transcripts of the proceedings. Corrections to the transcripts must be docketed within 30 days of the filing of a transcript.

Direct questions of a procedural nature to the assigned Hearing Officer:

- Reneé Webster-Hawkins, at renee.webster-hawkins@energy.ca.gov or (916) 237-2507.

Direct technical subject inquiries concerning the proceeding to the Project Manager:

- Eric Veerkamp, at STEPsiting@energy.ca.gov or (916) 661-8458.

Direct media inquiries to mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

Availability of Documents

Information about the Application for Certification for the Willow Rock Energy Storage Center, as well as notices and other relevant documents pertaining to this proceeding, may be viewed on the [Willow Rock Energy Storage Center webpage](http://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/caes/willow-rock-energy-storage-center) at: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/caes/willow-rock-energy-storage-center> or scan the following QR code:



Dated: November 12, 2025

APPROVED

J. Andrew McAllister, PhD
Commissioner and Presiding Member
Willow Rock Energy Storage Center
AFC Committee

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Willow Rock Energy Storage Center (21-AFC-02)

Public Hearing Agenda during the CEC's Business Meeting

Friday, December 19, 2025

***10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

1. Call the Public Hearing to Order
2. Hearing Officer Presentation on the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision
3. Brief Statements by the Parties
4. Public Comment

Members of the public and other interested persons may speak for up to three minutes on matters related to this proceeding.

5. Deliberation
6. Closed Session, if necessary

The Committee may adjourn to Closed Session in accordance with Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3), which allows a state body to hold a closed session to deliberate on a decision to be reached in a proceeding the state body was required by law to conduct.

7. Final Decision
8. Adjourn the Public Hearing

*The actual start time of the Public Hearing will be determined by the Chair depending on the additional items of business on the agenda for the December 19, 2025 Business Meeting.