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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

*Energy Storage Permitting Guidebook
for Behind-the-Meter Installations
Workshop with the Center for
Sustainable Energy*

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NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS
WORKSHOP

RE: Energy Storage Permitting Guidebook

Notice of Workshop: Energy Storage Permitting Guidebook - Guidance for Behind-the-Meter Installations September 11, 2025

01:00 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only

See Attendance Instructions.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a workshop for grant recipient, The Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE), to seek input on the Draft Energy Storage Permitting Guidebook: Guidance for Behind-the-Meter Installations (Draft Guidebook), funded under the Electric Program Investment Charge, or EPIC Program (EPC-19-026).

This meeting will be open to the public online and by phone through Zoom. The CEC welcomes all interested members of the public to attend, including organizations that interact with energy storage permitting, specifically Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs) and energy storage system installers. The public may participate in the meeting consistent with the attendance instructions below. CEC aims to begin promptly at the posted start time. The posted end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time. Interested participants, or their authorized representatives, may present oral and written statements at the public workshop. Written feedback will also be accepted through 5:00 p.m. PT on October 10, 2025.

Agenda

CSE will provide an overview of the second draft of the Energy Storage Permitting Guidebook: Guidance for Behind-the-Meter Installations. Workshop participants are invited to provide feedback on the Draft Guidebook, which will be made available at <https://www.energystorageca.com/> at least 10 business days before the workshop date.

Background

This Draft Guidebook was developed to enable accelerated adoption of behind-the-meter energy storage systems of less than 1 megawatt (MW) in size with the goal of helping those who work at building safety agencies, Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs) and those who develop, design, and install energy storage systems to coalesce around a shared set of best practices so that behind-the-meter energy storage systems can be permitted efficiently and installed safely. The Guidebook provides guidance for plan-checkers, field inspectors, and for those who seek to purchase, design, or install energy storage systems.

The Draft Guidebook provides recommendations and best practices based on interviews conducted by CSE over the past two years. CSE engaged sixty stakeholders through two workshops and over a dozen interviews with representatives from permitting agencies, system contractors/installers, and industry members. The Draft Guidebook is a “living” document that will be updated as codes and standards change — and based on feedback from those who use it. This September 2025 version of the Draft Guidebook draws upon stakeholder feedback on deployment experiences and best practices related to permitting and commissioning residential energy storage products across multiple deployments in California.

Public comments and end user feedback are encouraged throughout the development process. This workshop will focus on identifying any corrections or substantive omissions to the Draft Guidebook. Feedback gathered during this workshop will inform the publication of the final version of the Guidebook, expected to be published in Q2 2026. End user recommendations of additional topics for inclusion within the Guidebook will also be incorporated in this final version.

The Draft Guidebook will be made available at <https://www.energystorageca.com/> at least 10 business days before the workshop date.

Attendance Instructions

Remote participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

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Public Comment.

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=23-ERDD-07>. 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.

Oral comments will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. To comment via Zoom, use the "raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on October 10, 2025. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 23-ERDD-07 and **Energy Storage Permitting Guidebook (version 2)** in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

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Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at <https://www.energystorageca.com/> at least 10 business days before the workshop date, or at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-ERDD-07>.

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Dated: August 5, 2025, at Sacramento, California.

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