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**NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP****PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE DEFINITION
OF APPURTENANT FACILITY AND RELATED FACILITY**

October 9, 2025
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Pacific Time)
Online and by Phone via Zoom.
See Attendance Instructions.
Docket No. 25-RULE-01

INTRODUCTION

The California Energy Commission (CEC) staff will conduct a public workshop to seek comments from interested parties regarding the addition of the definition of “appurtenant facility” and proposed amendments to the CEC’s definition of “related facility” as contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 20, section 1201(q). These definitions concern the CEC’s powerplant certification program.

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss proposed amendments to clarify definitions that have become outdated and that do not fully reflect changes in powerplant design and technology, changes in the Public Resources Code, and changes in the way the state’s electricity generation and transmission systems work and are constructed. **Proposed regulatory amendment language is provided at the end of this notice.**

Adding the definition of “appurtenant facility” and amending the definition of “related facility” will provide clarity regarding the scope of the CEC’s certification for both applicants who seek a certification for a powerplant project or seek to amend an existing powerplant certification by adding new equipment or components to the powerplant.

The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The CEC will hold a public workshop on the proposed amendments at the date and time listed below. During the workshop, CEC staff will present the proposed regulatory changes and seek public feedback. Interested persons may present comments, statements, arguments, or contentions relevant to the proposed regulations at the

public workshop. Comments at the public workshop may be limited to three minutes or less. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Remote Access Public Hearing
October 09, 2025
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Pacific Time)
Online and by Phone via Zoom.

ATTENDANCE INSTRUCTIONS

The public workshop may be accessed by clicking the Zoom link below or visiting Zoom at <https://join.zoom.us> and entering the ID and password for the public workshop listed below. If you experience difficulties joining, you may contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the Public Advisor's Office at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov or (800) 822-6228.

Zoom Link:

<https://energy.zoom.us/j/83528145069?pwd=rCaPhLaDUYbElHxIMey6bnshysFVER.1>
Webinar ID: 835 2814 5069
Password: 729801

To join by telephone: Call toll-free at (888) 475-4499 or toll at (669) 219-2599. When prompted, enter the Webinar ID 874 0398 3159 and Password 409011.

Zoom Closed Captioning Service: 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 transcript of the public workshop will be docketed and posted as soon as possible after the workshop concludes.

Zoom Difficulty: Contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the CEC Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov, or by phone at (916) 957-7910.

Public Comment: Oral comments will be accepted at the Public 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 CEC by October 24, 2025. The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket 25-RULE-01 at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=25-RULE-01>. 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.

Written comments may also be submitted by email by October 24, 2025. Include Docket Number 25-RULE-01 in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be sent to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit
Docket No. 23-OIR-02
715 P Street, MS-4
Sacramento, CA 95814

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.

Public Advisor: The CEC's Public Advisor assists the public with participation in CEC proceedings. To request assistance, interpreting services, or reasonable modifications and accommodations, call (916) 957-7910 or email publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov as soon as possible but at least five days in advance of the Public Workshop. The CEC will work diligently to meet all requests based on availability.

Media Inquiries: Email mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or call (916) 654-4989.

Staff Contact: For questions, contact Barbara Borkowski, Staff Attorney, at (916) 232-9031 or at Barbara.Borkowski@energy.ca.gov.

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AGENDA

- 1) Introduction (10 minutes)
- 2) Staff Presentation on Proposed Amendments and Next Steps (10 minutes)
- 3) Public Comment (90 minutes if necessary)
- 4) Closing Remarks (10 minutes)

Proposed Language

§1201. Definitions.

(c) (1) “Appurtenant facility” means any equipment, structure, or accessory that is:

(A) physically connected to a related facility through shared infrastructure, and

(B) operated in coordination with the related facility.

(2) For the purposes of the commission’s certification jurisdiction under Chapters 6 and 6.2, Division 15, of the Public Resources Code:

(A) Shared infrastructure as specified in subdivision (c)(1)(A) includes, but is not limited to, transmission, steam and fuel lines up to the first point of interconnection, water intake and discharge structures and equipment, evaporative ponds, access roads, storage sites, switchyards, ancillary grid service systems, and onsite waste disposal structures.

(B) Exploratory, development, and production wells, resource conveyance lines, and other related equipment used in conjunction with a geothermal exploratory project or geothermal field development project, and the thermal host of a cogeneration facility, are not related facilities, nor facilities appurtenant to related facilities.

(C) A load served by a thermal power plant or a covered project specified in Public Resources Code section 25545(b), such as a commercial or industrial building hosting a data center, is not an appurtenant facility.

. . . [Final language will revise lettering for (d)-(q)]

(q r) “Related facility” means a thermal powerplant or, electric transmission line subject to an application submitted under the commission’s exclusive certification authority under Chapter 6 of Division 15 of the Public Resources Code, or a covered project specified in Public Resources Code section 25545(b) for applications submitted under

the commission's authority under Chapter 6.2. ~~any equipment, structure, or accessory dedicated to and essential to the operation of the thermal powerplant or electric transmission line. These facilities include, but are not limited to, transmission and fuel lines up to the first point of interconnection, water intake and discharge structures and equipment, access roads, storage sites, switchyards, and waste disposal sites. Exploratory, development, and production wells, resource conveyance lines, and other related equipment used in conjunction with a geothermal exploratory project or geothermal field development project, and, absent unusual and compelling circumstances, the thermal host of a cogeneration facility, are not related facilities.~~

. . . *[Final language will revise lettering for (s)-(x)]*

Note: Authority cited: Sections 25213, 25218(e) and 25541.5, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21061.1, 25214, 25502, 25519, 25540, 25540.1, 25540.2, and 25541.5, and 25545, Public Resources Code.