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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE RENEWABLES PORTFOLIO  
STANDARD ELIGIBILITY GUIDEBOOK

**WHEREAS**, the California Energy Commission has developed its Renewable Energy Program, including elements related to California's Renewables Portfolio Standard, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25740 et seq., Public Utilities Code section 399.11 et seq., and former Public Utilities Code sections 381, 383.5, and 445; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Resources Code section 25747(a) authorizes the California Energy Commission to adopt guidelines to establish the eligibility requirements and process for certifying facilities and for verifying renewable energy certificates for compliance with the Renewables Portfolio Standard, after at least 10 days' written notice to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2004, the California Energy Commission adopted guidelines, titled the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook*, to address the eligibility requirements and process for certifying eligible renewable energy resources for purposes of meeting the state's Renewables Portfolio Standard, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25740 et seq. and Public Utilities Code section 399.11 et seq., and has subsequently revised these guidelines pursuant to this authority; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2024, the California Energy Commission staff publicly noticed a proposed update to the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook*, as set forth in the "Tenth Edition," to: (i) address changes in law as a result of Assembly Bill 1921, (ii) incorporate requirements and criteria adopted by the California Energy Commission in 2017 under Resolution No. 17-0712-04, (iii) provide new eligibility and reporting criteria pursuant to existing authority, (iv) clarify various requirements and processes related to Renewables Portfolio Standard certification and verification, and (v) improve clarity and organization of the text of several sections of the Guidebook; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 6, 2025, California Energy Commission staff held a public workshop on the proposed *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Tenth Edition*; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to public comments, on December 8, 2025, California Energy Commission staff publicly noticed a revised proposed *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Tenth Edition*; and

**THEREFORE, THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION FINDS:**

With regard to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

- The California Energy Commission has considered the application of CEQA to the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Tenth Edition*, and concluded that the guidelines:
  - (1) Are exempt from CEQA under the "common sense" exception of Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061 (b)(3), which indicates that CEQA only applies to projects that have a "significant effect on the environment," as defined in Public Resources Code section 21068 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15382, as being a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in the environment; and
  - (2) Are categorically exempt from CEQA as an action taken to maintain natural resources pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, section 15307; and
  - (3) Are categorically exempt from CEQA as an action taken to protect the environment pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, section 15308.

With regard to the Administrative Procedure Act:

- The proposed update to the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook* is exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25747(a).

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the California Energy Commission hereby adopts the described *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Tenth Edition*; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that documents and other materials that constitute the record can be found at the California Energy Commission, 715 P Street, Sacramento, California, 95814, in the custody of the Docket Unit and online in Docket Number [21-RPS-02](#), available at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-RPS-02>; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the California Energy Commission delegates the authority and directs California Energy Commission staff to take, on behalf of the California Energy Commission, all actions reasonably necessary to have the proposed guidelines enacted, including, but not limited to, making any appropriate non-substantive changes to the guidelines.

### **CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on December 19, 2025.

AYE: Hochschild, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE  
ABSENT: Gunda  
ABSTAIN: NONE

Dated: December 22, 2025

***SIGNED BY:***

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Kim Todd  
Secretariat