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## California Energy Commission Memorandum

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**Subject: Request to Open New Docket for Rulemaking to Improve Implementation and Expand Participation Under the Load Management Standards.**

This memo is to request a new docket be opened for the California Energy Commission (CEC) to support a rulemaking proceeding to evaluate targeted amendments to the Load Management Standards (LMS), codified at Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Sections 1621-1625.

The rulemaking will be initiated through an Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR) to be considered by the Commission at the April Business Meeting (April 8, 2026).

The purpose of the proceeding is to evaluate improvements to implementation of the LMS and expand participation among ratepayers and third-party service providers.

This rulemaking will consider amending the existing load management standards. Including such possibilities as:

- 1) creation of a data repository or data sharing infrastructure,
- 2) standardizing data formats and communication protocols,
- 3) amending or replacing the single statewide standard tool requirement in 20 CCR section 1623(c), and
- 4) removing obsolete LMS regulations.

The rulemaking will be conducted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (Government Code Section 11340 et seq.) and consistent with statutory authority provided in Public Utilities Code Sections 1621-1625 and Public Resources Code Sections 25213, 25218(e), and 25403.5.

The new docket number will be **26-OIR-01** and should be titled **Rulemaking to Improve Implementation and Expand Participation Under the Load Management Standards.**

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Thank you,

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