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Notice of Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative 2.0 Plenary Group Meeting

Staff of the California Natural Resources Agency, California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, and California Independent System Operator will host a meeting of the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI) 2.0 Plenary Group. The purpose of this meeting is to review the availability of renewable resources in California and elsewhere in the West that could help meet California's long-term greenhouse gas reduction and energy goals and seek stakeholder feedback.

One or more Commissioners from the California Energy Commission and/or the California Public Utilities Commission may attend and participate in the meeting.

The Plenary meeting will be held:

Tuesday, March 1, 2016
10:00 a.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room
First Floor
Sacramento, California
Wheelchair Accessible

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Background

On October 7, 2015, Governor Brown signed the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015 (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015), which requires electric utilities to

prepare long-term plans to meet greenhouse gas (GHG) goals, establishes targets to increase retail sales of qualified renewable electricity to at least 50 percent by 2030, reduce GHG emissions by 40 percent from 1990 levels by 2030, and outlines a process for the regional expansion of the California Independent System Operator (California ISO). In addition, in August 2015, the federal Clean Power Plan was finalized, requiring every state to significantly reduce electricity-sector GHG emissions. Developing the transmission needed to support increasing amounts of renewable resources will be critical to meeting these goals and will require careful planning and coordination across the West.

In September 2015, the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), California Energy Commission (Energy Commission), California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), California ISO, and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management California Office initiated the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI 2.0) to facilitate the long-range planning, inter-agency coordination, and stakeholder engagement necessary to reach these goals with the lowest costs and greatest benefits. RETI 2.0 is a proactive, statewide, non-regulatory planning forum intended to identify the constraints and opportunities for new transmission to access and integrate new renewable resources and help meet the state's long-term GHG and renewable energy goals.

Specifically, RETI 2.0 will:

- Explore renewable generation resources in California and throughout the West that can help meet California's long-term energy and GHG reduction goals.
- Identify land use and environmental opportunities and constraints to accessing these resources.
- Build understanding of transmission options for accessing and integrating renewable resources, and support for "least regrets" transmission investments.
- Inform future planning and regulatory proceedings.

The RETI 2.0 Organizational Structure establishes the RETI 2.0 Plenary Group as the primary forum to develop the RETI 2.0 work products, with two technical work groups, the Transmission Technical Input Group (TTIG) and the Environmental and Land Use Technical Group (ELUTG) to advise the RETI 2.0 Plenary Group.

On December 18, 2015, the RETI 2.0 Plenary Group presented a conceptual work plan, focusing on the initial foundational work through March 2016, including the establishment of broad "planning goals" for RETI 2.0 and a review of "resource values" to guide the evaluation of transmission options to access high-value resources.

On March 1, the Plenary Group will hold a public meeting to review the existing information and recent studies regarding the energy and integration value of various renewable energy technologies in specific geographic areas, as well as studies and conclusions regarding the value these resources may provide in an overall portfolio of resources that could meet California energy and GHG goals in 2030 and beyond. The objective of this meeting is to focus the RETI 2.0 process on high-value resource areas for which the transmission options should be evaluated.

Meeting/Webinar Agenda

A specific agenda will be posted prior to the meeting. Topics on the agenda may include, but are not limited to:

- How resource values and costs are understood in policy proceedings at the CPUC and Energy Commission
- How resource values and costs are considered by investor-owned and public utilities in planning and procurement
- Lessons from studies and models of long-term resource portfolio optimization
- Presentations from resource advocates and developers on recent advances

Public Comment

Oral comments: The Plenary Group will accept oral comments during the meeting. Comments may be limited to three minutes and will become part of the public record for this stakeholder process.

Written comments should be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on March 15, 2016. Please submit comments to the Energy Commission using the Energy Commission's e-commenting feature by going to the RETI 2.0 webpage <http://www.energy.ca.gov/reti/> and click on the "Submit eComment" link. A full name, e-mail address, comment title, and either a comment or an attached document (.doc, .docx, or .pdf format) is mandatory. After a challenge-response test used by the system to ensure that responses are generated by a human user and not a computer, click on the "Agree & Submit Your Comment" button to submit the comment to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit.

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Public Adviser and Other Commission Contacts

The Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission proceedings. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser, Alana Mathews, by e-mail at PublicAdviser@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4489 (toll free at (800) 822-6228).

If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz by e-mail at Lou.Quiroz@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance of the meeting.

Media inquiries should be sent to the Media and Public Communications Office by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

If you have questions on the subject matter of this meeting, please contact Al Alvarado by e-mail at Al.Alvarado@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4749.

The service list for the stakeholder process is handled electronically. Notices and documents for this proceeding are posted to the Energy Commission website. When new information is posted, an e-mail will be sent to those on the RETI e-mail list server. We encourage those who are interested in receiving these notices to sign up for the list server through the website at www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/.

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Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available online at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/reti/>.

DATE: February 19, 2016

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<http://www.energy.ca.gov/commission/directions.html>

