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Notice of Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative 2.0 Joint Agency Workshop

The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), California Energy Commission (Energy Commission), California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), California Independent System Operator (California ISO), and U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a joint workshop to review the information gathered in the first and second phases of the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI) 2.0 Workplan and discuss the next phase.

CNRA Secretary John Laird, CPUC President Michael Picker, Energy Commission Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller, California ISO Chief Executive Officer Steve Berberich, and BLM California State Director Jerome Perez will jointly preside over the workshop. Other commissioners from the CPUC and Energy Commission may also attend and participate in the workshop. A quorum of commissioners from the CPUC and/or the Energy Commission may be in attendance.

The workshop will be held:

Monday, August 15, 2016

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (CalEPA)

CalEPA Headquarters Building

1001 I Street

Byron Sher Auditorium, Second Floor

Sacramento, CA

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Background

On April 29, 2015, Governor Brown issued Executive Order B-30-15, which established a new statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction target of 40 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2030 to ensure meeting the existing target of 80 percent reduction by 2050, and directed all state agencies to implement measures, pursuant to statutory authority, to help achieve these targets. 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 increase retail sales of qualified renewable electricity to at least 50 percent by 2030 and to prepare long-term plans to achieve GHG levels consistent with the 40 percent economy-wide reduction goal. 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 CNRA, Energy Commission, CPUC, California ISO, and the BLM California Office initiated RETI 2.0 to facilitate the long-range planning, inter-agency coordination, and stakeholder engagement necessary to support these goals. 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 pathways.
- Inform future planning and regulatory proceedings.

The RETI 2.0 Workplan, presented to stakeholders in December 2015, established a three-phase structure to accomplish these goals. The RETI 2.0 Workplan proposed that each phase would conclude with a workshop with the RETI 2.0 agency executives to report back on progress made and recommendations for next steps. These phases are:

- First phase: Define goals, gather foundational data, and propose approach.
- Second phase: Propose renewable resource scenarios and Transmission Assessment Focus Areas (TAFAs); review and refine transmission and environmental implications of TAFAs.
- Third phase: Review and compare transmission and environmental implications; identify common or critical elements; make recommendations for next steps.

Agenda

The purpose of this workshop is to brief RETI 2.0 agency executives on information and insights gathered during the first two phases of the RETI 2.0 process and discuss the next phase. Staff will present draft preliminary findings on the transmission and environmental implications of hypothetical renewable energy development in TAFAs. Opportunities for public comment will be provided as well.

The agenda for the workshop is:

1. **Review of RETI 2.0 objectives, California renewable energy goals and potential, and identification of RETI 2.0 TAFAs.** RETI 2.0 Project Director Brian Turner will review the preliminary conclusions of the first phase of the RETI 2.0 project, including:
 - a. RETI 2.0 project objectives and timeline, the potential scale of California's renewable energy needs by 2030, and the locations of high-quality renewable energy in California and elsewhere in the West.
 - b. The renewable energy resource areas and scenarios – called Transmission Assessment Focus Areas or TAFAs – identified for further evaluation by environmental, land use, transmission, and regional stakeholders.
2. **Environmental and Land Use Technical Group draft preliminary input on TAFAs.** Staff with the California Energy Commission will review the status of assembling environmental and land use data and information, and discuss draft recommendations for using the assembled data to examine potential environmental and land use implications.
3. **Transmission Technical Input Group draft preliminary input on TAFAs.** Staff with the California Independent System Operator and other California transmission operators will discuss the draft preliminary findings regarding the transmission implications of hypothetical generation scenarios in each TAFAs.
4. **Overview of Western Interstate Energy Board's RETI 2.0 Western Outreach Project.** Staff with the Western Interstate Energy Board will discuss the ongoing RETI 2.0 Western Outreach Project to gather regional stakeholder perspectives regarding the environmental and transmission implications of TAFAs development in the rest of the western interconnection.
5. **Next steps for RETI 2.0.** Project Director Brian Turner will present a schedule for completing the assessment of TAFAs and drafting of preliminary conclusions and recommendations.
6. **Public comment.**

Public Comment

Oral comments: The agency executives will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes per organization and will become part of the public record maintained by the Energy Commission.

Written comments should be submitted by August 29, 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 clicking 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 person 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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California Energy Commission
Docket No. 15-RETI-02
1516 Ninth Street, MS-4
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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If you choose not to use the electronic filing system, please include the Docket Number 15-RETI-02 on any e-mailed or mailed comments. Written comments will also be accepted at the workshop by Al Alvarado of the Energy Commission. However, the agencies may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the workshop.

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 Poneh Jones by e-mail at poneh.jones@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4425 at least five days in advance of the workshop.

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 workshop, 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 workshop will be available online at:
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/reti/>.

DATE: August 4, 2016

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California Energy Commission



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