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California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission staff have made available for public comment the Charter establishing the Senate Bill (SB) 350 Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group. The proposed resolution and Charter are available on the Energy Commission's website at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/DCAG/>

Background

Pursuant to SB 350, as codified in California Public Utilities (P.U.) Code section 400 (g), the CPUC and the Energy Commission are to establish an Advisory Group consisting of representatives from disadvantaged communities. The Advisory Group shall review and provide advice on proposed clean energy and pollution reduction programs and determine whether those proposed programs will be effective and useful in disadvantaged communities.

On August 1, 2017, the CPUC and the Energy Commission jointly released a staff proposal (Joint Staff Proposal) to generate public interest and solicit feedback on the structure and responsibilities of the Advisory Group. The Joint Staff Proposal provided recommendations on Advisory Group size, meeting frequency, general range of subjects to be covered, as well as expected responsibilities. The proposal addressed a number of questions to stakeholders to give more shape to membership and scope of the new body's work. The CPUC and Energy Commission received informal comments on the proposal through August 17, 2017.

The CPUC and the Energy Commission posted a solicitation for Advisory Group membership on November 1, 2017 and expect to receive completed applications by December 22, 2017 for consideration by the two commissions. Senate Bill 350, the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015, requires that the CPUC and the Energy Commission create a Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group to provide advice on programs proposed to achieve clean energy and pollution reduction. As defined in SB 350, disadvantaged communities are the most burdened census tracts in California. Relative burden is determined by review of data on 20 pollution/health and socio-economic factors.

Written Comments: Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by **5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2017**. All written comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding.

For the Charter Establishing the Senate Bill 350 Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group, the Energy Commission is using an electronic commenting system. The appropriate docket number is **16-OIR-06 – Senate Bill 350 Disadvantaged Community Advisory Group**.

Visit the website at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/DCAG/> and click on the "**Submit e-Comment**" link in the "Proceeding Information" box. This will take you to the page for adding comments to the SB 350 Disadvantaged Community Advisory Group docket. Please enter your contact information and comment title. You may include comments in the box titled "Comment Text" or attach a file with your comments. Attached comments must be in a Microsoft® Word (.doc, .docx) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf) formatted file.

The Energy Commission encourages use of its electronic commenting system, but written comments may also be submitted by e-mailing them to the Dockets Office at: docket@energy.ca.gov.

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

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