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<i>Regional Grid Operator and Governance</i>	)	NOTICE OF WORKSHOP RE:
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	)	Governance

## Notice of Regional Grid Operator and Governance Workshop

The California Energy Commission and the Governor's Office will host a Lead Commissioner workshop on considerations for the development of a governance structure for a regional grid operator. The purpose of this workshop is to provide a public discussion of modifications to the California Independent System Operator's (California ISO's) governance needed to facilitate the transition to a regional organization, while protecting California's environmental and energy policies. Stakeholders are invited to comment on key principles of regional grid operator governance.

One or more Commissioners from the California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and other western regulatory agencies may attend and participate in the workshop. A quorum of commissioners from the CPUC and/or the Energy Commission may be in attendance. Members of the Board of Governors of the California ISO may be in attendance.

The workshop will be held:

**Friday, May 6, 2016**

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (CalEPA)

CalEPA Headquarters Building

1001 I Street

Byron Sher Auditorium, Second Floor

Sacramento, CA 95814

(Wheelchair Accessible)

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## Background

On October 7, 2015, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 350, the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015 (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015). The statute states the intent of the Legislature to provide for the evolution of the California ISO into a regional organization to promote the development of regional electricity markets in the western states. Such regional electricity markets may provide significant economic and environmental benefits, which will be explored in other forums pursuant to SB 350. This evolution could occur through additional transmission owners joining the Independent System Operator (ISO) with any necessary approvals from their own state or local regulatory authorities. The intention of this workshop is to begin the dialogue by setting out options, but not to make any decisions.

Government and industry leaders and other stakeholders in the Western U.S. are currently exploring the possibility of establishing a regional grid operator through expansion of the California ISO. Specifically, PacifiCorp has signed a letter of intent to join the California ISO. Such an expansion of the California ISO will require that its current bylaws and corporate governance structure be amended and that the new structure be approved by the California Legislature.

## Workshop Agenda

Modifications to the California ISO governance structure would be needed to allow for the transformation of the ISO into a regional grid operator. The Regional Grid Operator and Governance workshop is intended to provide a public discussion of various governance proposals to accomplish this transition, while safeguarding state environmental and energy policies. Western states and stakeholders are invited to comment on key principles of regional grid operator governance.

A specific agenda will be posted prior to the workshop. The topics to be addressed by the agenda may include, but are not limited to:

- Background on ISO governance and corporate framework
- Summary of Midcontinent ISO's governance structure, including filing rights at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Roundtable of experts to comment on relevant papers and studies

## Public Comment

**Oral comments:** Oral comments will be accepted during the workshop. 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 May 20, 2016.** Please submit comments to the Energy Commission using the Energy Commission's e-commenting feature by going to the Regional Grid Operator and Governance webpage [http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/regional\\_grid](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/regional_grid) and clicking on the Submit Comments

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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Dockets Unit  
California Energy Commission  
Docket No. 16-RGO-01  
1516 Ninth Street, MS-4  
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If you choose not to use the electronic filing system, please include the Docket Number 16-RGO-01 on any e-mailed or written comments. Written comments will also be accepted at the workshop by Al Alvarado of the Energy Commission. However, the Energy Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the workshop.

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If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz by e-mail at [Lou.Quiroz@energy.ca.gov](mailto:Lou.Quiroz@energy.ca.gov) or (916) 654-5146 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Regional Grid Operator and Governance List Serve. We encourage those who are interested in receiving these notices to sign up for the list serve through the website at [http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/regional\\_grid](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/regional_grid).

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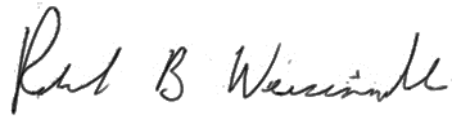
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## Availability of Documents

The agenda, documents and presentations for this workshop will be available online at: [www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/regional\\_grid/](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/regional_grid/)

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