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<i>Regional Grid Operator and Governance</i>)	NOTICE OF WORKSHOPS RE:
)	Regional Grid Operator and
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Notice of Regional Grid Operator and Governance Workshops

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) and the Governor’s Office will host two Lead Commissioner workshops on considerations for the development of a governance structure for a regional grid operator. The purpose of the workshops is to provide public discussions of modifications to the California Independent System Operator’s (California ISO’s) governance that would be needed to facilitate the transition to a regional organization, while protecting California’s environmental and energy policies. Stakeholders will be able to comment on a draft proposal for regional grid operator governance.

One or more Commissioners from the Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and other western regulatory agencies will attend and participate in the workshops. 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 also be in attendance.

The workshops will be held:

Thursday, June 16, 2016
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Pacific Time

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

and

Monday, June 20, 2016

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mountain Time (12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time)

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8300 Pena Blvd.
Denver, Colorado 80249
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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.

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 an MOU with intent to explore joining 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.

On May 6, 2016, the Energy Commission and Governor's Office held a workshop to begin the dialogue on regional grid operator governance. Four papers were presented and a roundtable discussion was facilitated on key principles and concepts of governance. More than 20 written comments were received following the May 6th workshop. The intention of these two June workshops is to expand the dialogue outside California to stakeholders in the Western grid, present a specific proposal for regional grid operator governance, and seek stakeholder feedback, but not to make any decisions.

Agenda

A specific agenda and the draft governance proposal will be posted prior to the workshops at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/regional_grid. The agenda will be the same for both workshop locations. The topics to be addressed by the agenda may include, but are not limited to:

- California ISO draft proposal on governance
- Roundtable of experts to comment on the proposal
- Public comment

Public Comment

Oral comments: Oral comments will be accepted during the workshops. 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 July 7, 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 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 and not a computer, click on the “Agree & Submit Your Comment” button to submit the comment to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit.

Please note that written comments, attachments, and associated contact information included within the written comments and attachments (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the viewable public record.

You are encouraged to use the electronic commenting system, described above, to submit comments. If you are unable to submit comments electronically, a paper copy of your comments may be mailed to:

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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 mailed comments. Comments may be e-mailed to docket@energy.ca.gov with a carbon copy to misa.milliron@energy.ca.gov. Written comments will also be accepted at the workshops by Alana Mathews, the Energy Commission Public Adviser. However, the workshop participants may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the workshops.

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 workshops.

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 these workshops, 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 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.

Remote Attendance

You may participate in the workshops through AT&T Connect, an online meeting service. Presentations will be webcast, and you may listen to audio via your computer or telephone. Please be aware that the workshops will be recorded. **Please note that the web addresses and passcodes are different for the two workshops.**

To join the June 16th workshop (1:30 p.m. Pacific Time):

VIA COMPUTER: Go to <http://ems7.intellor.com/login/705380>. Audio connection instructions will be available after connecting to the web conference

VIA TELEPHONE ONLY (no visual presentation): Please only use this method if unable to participate by web to ensure the ability to participate in Q&A. Call (877) 369-5230. When prompted, enter the passcode **0788174#**.

If you have difficulty joining the workshop, please call AT&T Connect Support at (888) 796-6118

To join the June 20th workshop (1:00 p.m. Mountain Time, 12:00 p.m Pacific Time):

VIA COMPUTER: Go to <http://ems7.intellor.com/login/705365>. Audio connection instructions will be available after connecting to the web conference

VIA TELEPHONE ONLY (no visual presentation): Please only use this method if unable to participate by web to ensure the ability to participate in Q&A. Call (877) 369-5230. When prompted, enter the passcode **0701839#**.

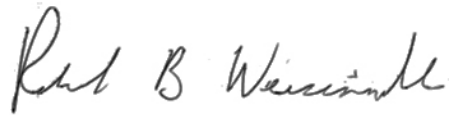
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Availability of Documents

The agenda, documents and presentations for the workshops will be available online at: www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/regional_grid/.

DATE: June 3, 2016

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