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<i>Regional Grid Operator and Governance</i>)	NOTICE OF WORKSHOP RE:
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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 the workshop 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 the second revised proposal: *Principles for Governance of a Regional ISO*, and a discussion paper and draft proposal: *Potential Topics within the Primary Authority of the Western States Committee*.

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

The workshop will be held:

Monday, October 17, 2016
1:00 p.m.

CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE
1500 11th Street
First Floor, Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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Background

On October 7, 2015, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 350 (SB 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 ISO with any necessary approvals from their own state or local regulatory authorities. Such expansion transformation 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. In June 2016, two parallel workshops were held to present a draft governance proposal and expand the discussion to stakeholders both inside and outside of California. On July 26, 2016, the Energy Commission, California Air Resources Board, and CPUC jointly hosted a workshop to consider revisions to the draft governance proposal and the results of recent regional market expansion studies. On August 8, 2016, Governor Brown issued letters directing his staff and the agencies "to continue working with the Legislature, the ISO, interested parties and other state and energy regulators...to develop a strong proposal that the Legislature can consider in January." The intent of this October workshop is to provide an update on progress toward this early 2017 goal, present the second revised proposal: *Principles for Governance of a Regional ISO*, and a discussion paper and draft proposal: *Potential Topics within the Primary Authority of the Western States Committee*, and seek stakeholder feedback. No formal action will be taken at this workshop.

Agenda

A detailed schedule and documents for the workshop will be posted prior to the workshop at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/regional_grid. The topics to be addressed at the workshop may include, but are not limited to:

- Second Revised Proposal: *Principles for Governance of a Regional ISO*
- Discussion Paper and Draft Proposal: *Potential Topics within the Primary Authority of the Western States Committee*
- Roundtable of experts to comment on the two documents
- Update on regional stakeholder initiatives
- Public comment

Public Comment

Oral comments: Oral comments will be accepted during the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes per organization and will become part of the public record for this stakeholder process.

Written comments should be submitted by October 31, 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 e-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 workshop by Kevin Barker, Chief of Staff to Chair Weisenmiller. However, the workshop participants 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 the 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 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 workshop 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 workshop will be recorded.

To join the workshop:

VIA COMPUTER: Go to <http://ems7.intellor.com/login/707603>. 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 question and answer sessions. Call (877) 369-5230. When prompted, enter the passcode **0899111#**.

If you have difficulty joining the web conference or teleconference, please call AT&T Connect Support at (888) 796-6118.

Availability of Documents

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

DATE: October 7, 2016

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