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Developing Guidelines for the 50 Percent)	STAFF WORKSHOP
Renewables Portfolio Standard)	RE: Renewables Portfolio Standard
_____)	Eligibility Guidebook

Notice of Staff Workshop on Future Edition of *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook*

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a scoping workshop to solicit public comments from interested parties on the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook (RPS Guidebook), Eighth Edition*.

Thursday, March 17, 2016

9:30 AM

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

1516 Ninth Street

Arthur Rosenfeld Hearing Room, 1st Floor

Sacramento, California

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Background

The *RPS Guidebook* describes the eligibility requirements and process for certifying eligible renewable energy resources for California's RPS and describes how the Energy Commission verifies compliance with the RPS. The *RPS Guidebook* is periodically revised to reflect changes in statute and market conditions.

With the passage of Senate Bill 350 (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015), the Energy Commission recently adopted an Order Instituting Rulemaking proceeding at its January 13, 2016, business meeting, to implement new provisions enacted in Senate Bill 350 as it relates to Renewables Portfolio Standard.

This workshop is to provide stakeholders an opportunity to suggest new topics for potential revisions to the next edition of the *RPS Guidebook* and to provide comments to staff proposed revisions which include both substantive and nonsubstantive changes.

Expected substantive changes include:

- Increasing the renewable energy target to 50 percent by 2030, and amending the eligibility requirements of a facility engaged in the combustion of municipal solid waste, pursuant to Senate Bill 350.
- Amending the requirements for the creation of retroactive renewable energy credits (RECs) in Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) to reduce the allowed time to 12 months when requesting retroactive RECs for any generation that precedes the date of request.
- Incorporating changes to address the launch of the RPS Online System which would change the process of submitting RPS certification applications, requests for time extension for certification applications and the creation of retroactive RECs in WREGIS, and the annual facility and load-serving entity reports.
- Removing the 90-day requirement within commercial operations date of the facility for eligibility date as long as other requirements are met.
- Limiting the time of extension to be requested to no more than 2 years.
- Adding a category in the Amendment section of the *RPS Guidebook* when adding a generating unit with a new WREGIS GU ID to a certified facility.

Expected nonsubstantive changes include:

- Clarifications to the eligibility and reporting requirements of various sections in the *RPS Guidebook*. These include eligibility requirements of hydroelectric generation facilities operated as part of water supply or conveyance system; required information when submitting a request for the creation of retroactive RECs in WREGIS; allowing resubmittal of compliance reports if retroactive RECs are created in WREGIS; not allowing precertification applications for aggregate units; and clarifying reporting requirements for common carrier pipeline biomethane that daily delivery data may be requested.
- Removing requirements that are no longer applicable, such as the use of the Interim Tracking System.
- Incorporating any changes adopted by the Energy Commission at the March 2016, business meeting that updated the language in the Appeals section of the *RPS Guidebook*, and established a process for local publicly owned electric utilities to move surplus retired RECs reported for a specified compliance period to the following compliance period.
- Clarifying the nameplate capacity of a facility to be consistent with the nameplate capacity registered in WREGIS.
- Clarifying the facility location to address mapping issues and avoid overlap of neighboring facilities.
- Other minor clarifications and corrections.

The *RPS Guidebook, Eighth Edition* is available at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/>.

Staff will consider oral and written public comments presented at the workshop, as well as written comments by the deadline (below). Staff will then discuss the summary of comments with the Renewables Lead Commissioner for consideration and incorporate revisions into a draft *RPS Guidebook*, which will be released for public comments. All

comments to the draft *RPS Guidebook* will be presented to the Renewables Lead Commissioner for consideration. Staff will then release a final draft of the *RPS Guidebook* for consideration by the full Commission at a regularly scheduled business meeting. Public Resources Code Section 25747 authorizes the Energy Commission to approve substantive changes to the guidebook upon providing ten days public notice. Changes take effect once approved at a publicly noticed meeting.

Public Comment

Oral comments are encouraged during the workshop, and may be limited to 5 minutes per speaker. All comments may become part of the public record in this proceeding. Written comments should be submitted to the Energy Commission's e-commenting online system no later than **5:00 p.m. on March 30, 2016**.

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Availability of Documents

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