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In the matter of:)	Docket No. 16-RPS-01
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Developing Guidelines for the 50 Percent)	NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING
Renewables Portfolio Standard)	RE: Non-substantive Changes to
_____)	the RPS Eligibility Guidebook

Revised Notice to Consider Adoption of Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition (Revised)

The California Energy Commission will conduct a Business Meeting on:

Thursday, April 27, 2017
10:00 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room
Sacramento, California 95814
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Agenda

This notice supersedes the Notice to Consider Adoption of the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility (RPS) Guidebook, Ninth Edition (Revised)*, TN 217055-1, and Attachment A *Non-Substantive Changes to the Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition*, TN 217055-2 in their entirety. As part of the April 27, 2017, Business Meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adopting the *RPS Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition (Revised)* (Publication No. CEC-300-2016-006-ED9-CMF-REV). The *RPS Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition (Revised)* incorporates non-substantive changes to the *RPS Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition* adopted at the January 25, 2017, Business Meeting to correct typographical errors, update an incomplete URL, remove an obsolete table reference, and remove obsolete formatting codes.

The *RPS Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition (Revised)* is available for review at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/16-RPS-01/documents/> in two versions; a version showing changes in underline/strikeout format relative to the current text of the *RPS Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition* and a clean version. Additionally a summary of the changes has been provided as described in Attachment A.

Background

Under the RPS, the Energy Commission is responsible for certifying eligible renewable energy resources that may be procured by retail sellers of electricity and local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs) to satisfy their RPS requirements, and for developing an accounting system to verify their procurement. The *RPS Eligibility Guidebook* describes the eligibility requirements and processes for certifying renewable resources as RPS eligible and describes how the Energy Commission will track and verify RPS compliance.

Public Comment

Oral comments. The Energy Commission will accept oral comments during the meeting. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. All comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Written comments. Written comments should be submitted to the Energy Commission's e-commenting online system by 5:00 p.m. on **April 21, 2017**. Written comments will be also accepted at the meeting; however, the Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the meeting.

1. Go to the Energy Commission's website: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/e-filing/>.
2. Click "Comment on a Proceeding" in the Additional Information box.
3. Type "16-RPS-01" into the Select a Proceeding field.
4. Click "Continue" to Add a Comment.
5. Commenters are required to input their full name, email address, and comment title. Comment title should be "Jane Doe or Company Name Comment re Draft RPS Guidebook."
6. Type comments into the "Comment Text" field or upload a document with comments. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc or .docx) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf).
7. Enter the CAPTCHA that is used to prevent spamming on the website. Then click on "Agree and Submit your Comments".

For additional information, see Standing Order re: Proceedings and Confidentiality Procedural Requirements for Filing, Service, and Docketing Documents with the Energy Commission, available at: www.energy.ca.gov/commission/chief_counsel/docket.html.

Additionally, written comments may be posted to the Energy Commission's website for the proceeding at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/16-RPS-01/documents/>. Please note that your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the viewable public record. This information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and other search engines.

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

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: **Docket No. 16-RPS-01**
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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If you have questions on the subject matter of this meeting, please contact Camille Remy Obad at Camille.Remy-Obad@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-3940.

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Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available online at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/16-RPS-01/documents/>.

Date: April 17, 2017

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ATTACHMENT A

Non-Substantive Changes to the Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition

The following are proposed non-substantive changes to the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition. In the following proposed non-substantive changes, additions are shown in underline and deletions are shown in strikethrough font.

These changes are anticipated to be adopted by resolution at the April 27, 2017, Business Meeting. Following adoption, all changes will be integrated into the ***Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition (Revised)***.

1. Removal of Field Codes: All field codes, which were previously included to support the creation of an Index of Terms have been removed. No changes in text resulted from the removal of field codes.
2. Correction of Typographical Errors on Page Number ii:
The following change on Page ii is as follows (added text is underlined and deleted text is shown in strikethrough):

Green, Lynette, Christina Crume. 2016~~7~~. ***Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Ninth Edition***. California Energy Commission, Publication Number: CEC-300-2016-006-ED9-SF ~~CMF-REV~~

3. Table Formatting Correction on Page Number 4:
On Page 4 a blank column has been removed from Table 1. No changes in text resulted from the removal of this column.
4. Correction of Typographical Error on Page Number 23:
The following change on Page 23 in row 2 of Table 2 is as follows (added text is underlined and deleted text is shown in strikethrough):

Additional metering requirements may exist. Refer to Chapter 3.A.5- ~~4~~.

5. Correction of Typographical Error on Page Number 35:
The following change on Page 35 in Chapter 3 Section C is as follows (added text is underlined and deleted text is shown in strikethrough):

For facilities meeting or exceeding all minimum thresholds for each environmental area, the submission of a simple explanation documenting how development and operation of the facility do not cause or contribute to a violation of California LORS is sufficient. If the facility does not meet all the minimum thresholds for a particular environmental area, the applicant must provide the following for that environmental area:

- 1) A comprehensive list and description of all California LORS relating to the environmental area that may be directly or indirectly violated by the development or operation of the facility.
- 2) An assessment of whether the development or operation of a facility will cause or contribute to a violation of any California LORS in the region of California most likely to be affected by the development or operation of the facility.
- 3) Documentation substantiating the applicant's assessment as required in ~~b2~~ above. For example, documentation could include environmental studies, permits, and similar materials demonstrating that the development or operation of the facility will not cause or contribute to a violation of California LORS in California.

6. Correction of Typographical Error on Page Number 42:

The following change on Page 42 in Chapter 4 is as follows (deleted text is shown in strikethrough) in order to remove an obsolete table reference:

The Energy Commission developed the RPS Online System for the RPS program to streamline the RPS certification application and reporting processes. The RPS Online System is at <https://rps.energy.ca.gov/>. ~~Table 4 summarizes the requirements and deadlines for certification applications and reporting.~~ This chapter provides an overview of the RPS Online System, including the account management, certification application, and reporting processes. Instructions on how to use the RPS Online System will be made available within the RPS Online System.

7. Correction of Typographical Error on Page Number 47:

The following change on Page 47 in a table title in Chapter 5 is as follows (added text is underlined and deleted text is shown in strikethrough):

~~Table 44~~Table 4: RPS Facility Statuses and RPS Eligibility

8. Change to Remove an Update an Obsolete Reference and Update an Incomplete URL on Page Number 47:

The following change on Page 47 to text and the related footnote 38 is as follows (added text is underlined and deleted text is shown in strikethrough):

The Energy Commission will provide ~~periodically post on its website~~ a list of all facilities and aggregated units that have been represented in an application and the status of the RPS certification or precertification for each facility.

38 Posted online at http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/rps_certification.html
<https://rps.energy.ca.gov>.

9. Correction of Typographical Error on Page Number 49:

The following change on Page 49 in Chapter 5 is as follows (added text is underlined and deleted text is shown in strikethrough):

Generation from the facility is eligible to be tracked in WREGIS, or retroactive WREGIS Certificates can be created for the generation. (See Chapter 3.A.1.a: Creation of ~~of~~ Retroactive Renewable Energy Credits in WREGIS.)

10. Correction of Typographical Error on Page Number 50:

The following change on Page 50 in Chapter 5 is as follows (added text is underlined):

(3) Revisions to the Eligibility Date

The eligibility date for a facility may be revised for several reasons. If the eligibility date is revised, the applicant will be notified of the new eligibility date. The eligibility date will be revised if any of the following occurs:

- a) Denial of an application or the revocation of an existing RPS certification.
- b) Changes in the operations of the facility from the planned operations or actual operations as indicated in a previous application. (See Chapter 5.B.1: Substantial Amendments.)
- c) Withdrawal of the RPS certification of a facility or removing a facility from an aggregated unit, affecting only the removed facility.
- d) Failure to submit an amended RPS certification or precertification application within 180 days of a change requiring an amendment. (See Chapter 5.B: Amending an RPS Certification.)

11. Correction of Typographical Error on Page Number 52 and 53:

The following change on Page 52, continuing to Page 53 in Chapter 5 is as follows (deleted text is shown in strikethrough) in order to remove an obsolete chapter reference:

H	Historic carryover certification	These are no longer offered, but several certifications retain the suffix indicating the original RPS eligibility. Once the 2011-2013 RPS Verification Report is adopted, these facilities will be disapproved. See Chapter 5.C.1.b.
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12. Formatting Change for Spacing Consistency:

Spacing between lines of text was adjusted on various pages to create a more uniform document.