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Publicly Owned Utility Integrated Resource Plan Submission and Review Guidelines

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Senate Bill 350 (de Leon, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015) (SB 350) requires the Energy Commission to produce guidelines for and to review Integrated Resource Plans (IRPs) from publicly owned utilities (POUs). Those POUs with an average load greater than 700 GWh (in the 2013-16 period) are required to adopt IRPs January 1, 2019, submit them to the Energy Commission, and update them at least once every five years thereafter. Based on historical data, 16 POUs are expected to be required to file an IRP.

IRPs are electricity system planning documents intended to ensure that POUs lay out the resource needs, policy goals, physical and operational constraints, and general priorities or proposed resource choices of an electric utility, including customer-side preferred resources. These plans will provide a framework to evaluate how utilities have chosen to align with greenhouse gas emission reduction targets as well as energy and other policy goals outlined in SB 350, including but not limited to:

- Reductions in electricity sector greenhouse gas emissions commensurate with economy-wide reductions of 40 percent from 1990 levels by 2030;
- A Renewables Portfolio Standard of 50 percent by 2030; and
- Energy efficiency, gas use efficiency and vehicle electrification targets

The Publicly Owned Utility Integrated Resource Plan Submission and Review Guidelines specify the requirements for submitting information, data, and reports needed to support the California Energy Commission's review of integrated resource plans submitted by the specified publicly owned electric utilities in accordance with Senate Bill 350 (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015).

These guidelines are available free from the Energy Commission's website at:

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