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<i>(2017 IEPR)</i>)	
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Notice of Joint Agency Workshop on Senate Bill 350 Low-Income Barriers Study Implementation

The California Energy Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will jointly conduct a workshop to discuss implementation of the *Low-Income Barriers Study, Part A: Overcoming Barriers to Energy Efficiency and Renewables for Low-income Customers and Small Business Contracting Opportunities in Disadvantaged Communities* (“Barriers Study”). The Barriers Study was mandated by Senate Bill 350 (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015), the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015. The Barriers Study was published in December 2016 and is available on the Energy Commission’s website at: www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/barriers_report/.

Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller, the Lead Commissioner for the 2017 Integrated Energy Policy Report (2017 IEPR), will be joined by Commissioner Janea A. Scott, who has been assigned as the Lead Commissioner for the Barriers Study Implementation. This workshop will be jointly conducted with the CPUC, with Commissioner Cliff Rechtschaffen serving as the CPUC Lead Commissioner. Other Commissioners from the Energy Commission and the CPUC may also attend and participate in the workshop. A quorum of Commissioners from the CPUC and/or the Energy Commission may be in attendance, but no votes will be taken.

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

10:00 A.M.

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First Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room

Sacramento, California

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Background

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015 (SB 350) on October 7, 2015. The bill establishes new energy efficiency and renewable electricity targets by 2030. Achieving these targets will support California's long-term climate goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. The bill also finds that there is insufficient understanding of the barriers for low-income and disadvantaged communities to access energy efficiency investments, weatherization, solar photovoltaic energy generation, other forms of renewable energy, clean transportation options, and contracting opportunities for small businesses located in disadvantaged communities.

For this reason, SB 350 directed the Energy Commission and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to complete and publish studies on the following topics:

- Barriers to and opportunities for solar photovoltaic energy generation as well as barriers to and opportunities for access to other renewable energy by low-income customers.
- Barriers to contracting opportunities for local small businesses in disadvantaged communities.
- Barriers for low-income customers to energy efficiency and weatherization investments, including those in disadvantaged communities, as well as recommendations on how to increase access to energy efficiency and weatherization investments for low-income customers.
- Barriers for low-income customers to zero-emission and near-zero-emission transportation options, including those in disadvantaged communities, as well as recommendations on how to increase access to zero-emission and near-zero-emission transportation options to low-income customers, including those in disadvantaged communities.

The Energy Commission adopted the Barriers Study, Part A at the December 14, 2016, Business Meeting. The final report contains twelve recommendations that encourage state agencies to pursue promising approaches to addressing the challenges faced by low-income customers, including those in disadvantaged communities, in accessing clean energy and the associated benefits it enables.

CARB developed Part B of the Barriers Study to address transportation issues noted in the final bullet above. CARB published a draft guidance document on April 12, 2017, and it is available at: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/transoptions/transoptions.htm>. The Energy Commission and CPUC jointly held an initial IEPR workshop on May 16, 2017, to discuss plans for moving forward with the recommendations included in the Barriers Study. The workshop was focused on a subset of topics identified as near-term priorities for state agencies to take action. This first workshop included presentations and panel discussions on potential solutions for low-income multifamily buildings, regional outreach and one-stop shop pilots, energy equity indicators, labor and workforce development, and innovative financing pilots for low-income clean energy customers. The August 1, 2017, workshop will build off of the discussion at the May 16, 2017, workshop and address additional topics related to the Barriers Study recommendations

Agenda

The workshop will feature presentations and panel discussions to help inform implementation of recommendations included in the Barriers Study. Energy Commission and CARB staff will provide an update on efforts to implement the recommendations of their respective reports. Panels will be

composed of industry experts, utility representatives, environmental organizations, community-based organizations, and others with relevant knowledge on the issues affecting low-income customers and clean energy opportunities. The presentations and panel discussions will focus on a subset of recommendations in the reports. Specific topics include an update on energy utility efforts to prioritize low-income customers and disadvantaged communities, a presentation on consumer protection in the clean energy economy, a panel on potential ways to address barriers faced by small businesses in disadvantaged communities in energy contracting, a panel on opportunities for adoption of advanced technologies in low-income and disadvantaged communities, and a panel on plugload efficiency opportunities for low-income customers.

A detailed schedule will be posted prior to the workshop at http://www.energy.ca.gov/2017_energypolicy/.

Public Comment

Oral Comments: Commissioners will accept oral comments during the workshop. Public comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one speaker per organization. Any comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding.

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