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Implementation of Renewables)	Docket No. 02-REN-1038
Investment Plan Legislation)	Renewable Energy Program
(Public Utilities Code Sections)	NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING
381, 383.5, and 445; [SB 1038])*)	RE: Changes to the Emerging
)	Renewables Program Guidebook
)	and Overall Program Guidebook

**NOTICE TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF CHANGES TO THE
Emerging Renewables Program Guidebook
and
Overall Program Guidebook**

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) will hold a regularly scheduled Business Meeting on:

WEDNESDAY, December 13, 2006
10 a.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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As part of the December 13, 2006 Business Meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adopting revisions to the Emerging Renewables Program Guidebook (ERP Guidebook) and the Overall Program Guidebook for the Renewable Energy Program (*Overall Program Guidebook*). The current version of the ERP Guidebook was adopted in June 2006 and the current version of the Overall Program Guidebook was adopted in April 2006. The California Energy Commission's Renewables Committee (Committee) recommends the Guidebook revisions pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25747, which authorizes the Energy Commission to adopt substantive changes to

Guidebooks upon providing ten days written notice. Changes shall take effect once approved by the Energy Commission at a publicly noticed Business Meeting.

The Committee is proposing changes to the ERP Guidebook and the Overall Program Guidebook to address the implementation of the Energy Commission's New Solar Homes Partnership pursuant to Senate Bill 1 (Statutes of 2006, Chapter 132, Sec. 4), Senate Bill 1250 (Statutes of 2006, Chapter 512, Sec. 11), and Senate Bill 107 (Statutes of 2006, Chapter 464, Sec. 7). Under these laws, solar energy systems are no longer eligible for funding under the Emerging Renewables Program, but may qualify for funding under the New Solar Homes Partnership or the California Public Utilities Commission's California Solar Initiative (CSI) as provided under those programs. The New Solar Homes Partnership will provide funding for solar energy systems installed on new residential construction, and the CSI will provide funding for solar energy systems installed on existing residential buildings as well as new and existing non-residential buildings. Additional information about the New Solar Homes Partnership and CSI programs can be found on the GoSolarCalifornia web site: www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov.

Revisions have been proposed to the current ERP Guidebook to address the following:

- Maintain the current rebate level for fuel cells at \$3.00/watt, and for wind systems at \$2.50/watt for the first 7.5 kW of capacity and \$1.50/watt for incremental capacity above 7.5 kW and less than 30 kW.
- Remove the eligibility of solar energy systems pursuant to Senate Bill 1, Senate Bill 1250, and Senate Bill 107, including removal of the following program elements:
 - Photovoltaic and solar thermal electric technologies
 - Pilot Performance-Based Incentive Program (PBI)
 - Solar Schools Program
 - New Housing sections and the removal of the C-46 (solar) license as an eligible contractor state license for purposes meeting installation requirements
- Update fuel cell standards to supersede American National Standards Institute/Canadian Standards Association (ANSI/CSA) America FC 1-2004 requirement.
- Limit maximum system size so as not exceed 100 percent of consumer's historical energy demand.
- Forms updated to match Guidebook changes.
- Other clarifications of a non-substantive nature.

Revisions have been proposed to the current Overall Program Guidebook to address the following:

- Identify the New Solar Homes Partnership as a program element within the Energy Commission's Renewable Energy Program umbrella.
- Identify the funding available for the Emerging Renewables Program and New Solar Homes Partnership pursuant to SB 1250.
- Clarify definitions and make other non-substantive changes.

The proposed revisions to the ERP Guidebook and Overall Program Guidebook are available on-line at: www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/index.html.

Hard copies of the proposed Guidebook revisions may be obtained by contacting Janet Preis by phone at (916) 654-4524 or by e-mail at [jpreis@energy.state.ca.us].

Please note that the Energy Commission intends to make additional changes to the Overall Program Guidebook when it revises its other Renewable Energy Program guidebooks to implement changes in the law by SB 1250 and SB 107.

Written Comments

The Energy Commission encourages members of the public to submit written comments on the proposed Guidebook revisions in advance of the Business Meeting. An original and 21 copies of any comments filed by mail or in person should be provided to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit. Parties may also file a single copy electronically with the Docket Unit and follow up with an original copy by mail. If you are providing written comments at the Business Meeting, please have an additional 50 copies available at the beginning of the meeting.

Please send or deliver written materials to:

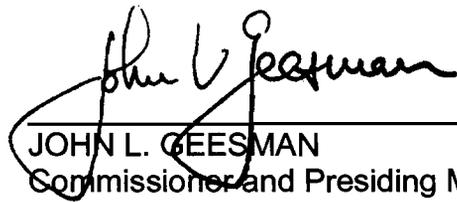
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All written materials filed with the Docket Unit will become part of the public record in this proceeding. The Committee strongly encourages parties to file written comments by close of business December 8, 2006.

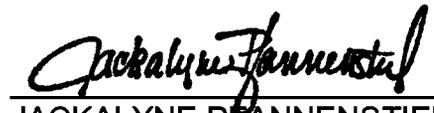
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*Amended and recast as Public Resources Code sections 25740 through 25751 pursuant to SB 183 (Sher), Chapter 666, Statutes of 2003.

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