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In the matter of the Design of the New Solar)	Energy Commission
Homes Partnership)	Docket No. 06-NSHP-1
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)	Notice of Committee Workshop
)	RE: New Solar Homes Partnership

Notice of Renewables Committee Workshop on Proposed Changes to the New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook

The California Energy Commission Renewables Committee will conduct a workshop to discuss proposed changes to the design of the *New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook*. Commissioner John Geesman is the Presiding Member of the Renewables Committee and Chairman Jackalyn Pfannenstiel is the Associate Member.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2007
2:00 p.m.

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1516 Ninth Street
Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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Please call **888-323-5254**
Passcode: SOLAR HOMES
Call Leader: Diana Chong

Purpose

The purpose of this workshop is to solicit comments from interested parties on proposed changes to the *New Solar Homes Partnership (NSHP) Guidebook (Guidebook)*. The proposed *Guidebook* is available on the Energy Commission website at [\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/06-NSHP-1/documents/\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/06-NSHP-1/documents/). Most of the proposed changes relate to affordable housing provisions, including new incentive levels. Other

changes include: 1) modifications to eligibility criteria intended to be consistent with the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) April 2007 *California Solar Initiative Handbook*, 2) clarification of *Guidebook* language and requirements, and 3) revisions to and the simplification of application forms.

The Renewables Committee is interested in comments pertaining to the following program elements:

- Affordable housing provisions and incentive levels
- Mixed use developments
- Guidebook language clarity
- Application form revisions

Background

At its December 13, 2006 Business Meeting, the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) adopted the *NSHP Guidebook*. The Energy Commission's NSHP is part of a comprehensive statewide solar program known as the California Solar Initiative (CSI) with the CPUC. Development work on the CSI began in 2005 and is moving forward pursuant to Senate Bill 1 (Statutes of 2006, Ch. 132), which the Governor signed on August 21, 2006. The goal of the CSI is to install 3,000 megawatts (MW) of distributed solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generation in California by the end of 2016. The Energy Commission and the CPUC are each administering separate, but coordinated elements of the CSI.

The NSHP provides financial incentives to encourage the installation of eligible solar energy systems on new residential construction. The NSHP is focusing efforts on new residential buildings to capitalize on the Energy Commission's understanding of production and custom home construction, and seeks to achieve 400 MW of distributed solar PV electricity generation by the end of 2016.

Since the *Guidebook* adoption in December 2006, two affordable housing advisory committee meetings have been held to propose and discuss guidebook changes that could encourage greater participation by affordable housing developments. As a result of the advisory committee meetings, and with Renewables Committee recommendations, revised affordable housing provisions have been included in the proposed *NSHP Guidebook*. In addition, other proposed changes to the *Guidebook* intend to clarify eligibility and other requirements and simplify application forms.

Written Comments

Written comments on the proposed *Guidebook* and other workshop topics must be submitted by 5:00 pm on June 7, 2007, to Docket Number 06-NSHP-1. Please identify in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments as *Comments on CEC-Proposed*

Guidebook of June 6, 2007. Please hand deliver or mail an original plus 10 paper copies of your comments to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office
Re: Docket No. 06-NSHP-1
1516 Ninth Street, MS-4
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document (PDF) to [\[docket@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:docket@energy.state.ca.us). **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit.

Participants may also provide an original and 10 copies at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Unit and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. For information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at [\[pao@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:pao@energy.state.ca.us). If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

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