Staff Workshop on 33 Percent Renewables Portfolio Standard Pre-Rulemaking Draft Regulations for Publicly Owned Electric Utilities

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to discuss the proposed 33 Percent Renewables Portfolio Standard Pre-Rulemaking Draft Regulations (Regulations) and to solicit stakeholder comment.

March 1, 2012
Beginning at 9 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

Remote Attendance and Availability of Documents

Internet Webcast – Presentations and audio from the meeting will be broadcast via the Energy Commission’s WebEx Web meeting service. For details on how to participate via WebEx, please see the “Remote Attendance” section toward the end of this notice.

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http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/index.html

Purpose

At this workshop, Energy Commission staff will summarize the content of the 33 Percent Renewables Portfolio Standard Pre-Rulemaking Draft Regulations, and stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide comment on the Regulations.

Staff is also seeking public input on outstanding issues under consideration to help inform decisions concerning these issues. To frame and guide public input on these issues, staff requests parties to respond to specific questions, which are provided in Attachment A: Questions to Stakeholders Concerning the 33 Percent Renewables Portfolio Standard Draft Regulations, regarding the following topics:
Staff is additionally seeking stakeholder input on the cost impact of new rules for the 33 Percent Renewables Portfolio Standard. Staff requests stakeholders to respond to the questions as provided in Attachment B: Stakeholder Input on the Cost Impact of the 33 Percent Renewables Portfolio Standard Draft Regulations.

Background

The Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) was established by Senate Bill 1078 (Sher, Chapter 516, Statutes of 2002), effective January 1, 2003, with revisions to the law following as a result of Senate Bill 1250 (Perata, Chapter 512, Statutes of 2006), Senate Bill 107 (Simitian, Chapter 464, Statutes of 2006), and Senate Bill X1 2 (Simitian, Chapter 1, Statutes of 2011, First Extraordinary Session). The law requires retail sellers of electricity and local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs) to increase the amount of renewable energy they procure until 33 percent of their retail sales are served with renewable energy by December 31, 2020. Under the law, the Energy Commission is required to certify eligible renewable energy resources that may be used by retail sellers of electricity and POUs to satisfy their RPS procurement requirements, develop an accounting system to verify retail sellers’ and POUs' compliance with the RPS, and adopt regulations specifying procedures for enforcement of the RPS for the POUs.

Written Comments

Written or electronic comments on the workshop topics must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on March 30, 2012. Please include the docket number 11-RPS-01 and indicate Renewables Portfolio Standard in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. If submitting hard copy originals, please hand deliver or mail an original copy to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 11-RPS-01
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization’s 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.ca.gov and to RPS33@energy.ca.gov.
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.

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Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this meeting, please contact Lorraine Gonzalez, at 916-654-3842 or by e-mail at lgonzale@energy.ca.gov.

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