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In the matter of:)	Docket No. 11-RPS-01
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Developing Regulations and Guidelines)	NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING
for the 33 Percent Renewables Portfolio)	RE: Guideline Revisions for RPS
Standard)	Implementation
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Notice to Consider Adoption of Staff Final Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Eighth Edition

The California Energy Commission will conduct a Business Meeting on:

Wednesday, June 10, 2015
10:00 am
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
1st Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room
Sacramento, California 95814
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Agenda

As part of the June 10, 2015, Business Meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adopting the Staff Final *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Eighth Edition*, (*RPS Guidebook*). Proposed changes to the *RPS Guidebook* clarify eligibility and procedural requirements, address topics considered at a staff workshop in 2014, and implement changes in law.

The Staff Final *RPS Guidebook* will be available for review by June 1st at: www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/index.html. The proposed changes will be shown in two different version of the guidebook; a version showing changes in underline/strikeout format relative to the current text of the Seventh Edition of the *RPS Guidebook*, and a clean version. Both versions will show the proposed additional changes in yellow highlight.

Background

The *RPS Guidebook* explains how the Energy Commission implements and administers its responsibilities under California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) statute. Under these laws, the Energy Commission is charged with certifying eligible renewable energy resources that may be used by retail sellers of electricity and local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs) to satisfy their RPS procurement requirements, and for developing an accounting system to verify a retail seller's or POU's compliance with the RPS. The *RPS Guidebook* also describes the eligibility requirements and process for certifying renewable resources as eligible for California's RPS and describes how the Energy Commission verifies RPS compliance.

In January 2015, staff released a Staff Draft *RPS Guidebook, Eighth Edition* to solicit public comments on proposed changes to the guidebook. The proposed changes included both substantive and nonsubstantive changes. The nonsubstantive changes included revisions to various sections in the guidebook to improve clarity and reduce duplications. Substantive changes were proposed to revise and clarify requirements related to the following topics:

- Eligibility requirements for RPS-certified multifuel facilities related to nonrenewable energy resource allowances
- Definitions of i) "dedicated pipeline" to include functionally dedicated pipeline with new reporting requirements, ii) "station service," iii) and "prime generating equipment" for repowered facilities
- How a facility's eligibility date is determined
- Method for determining the amount of incremental generation using rated facility improvements for hydroelectric facilities only
- Use of postmark date as "received" date for purposes of application submissions
- Submission of certification applications using new format
- Extending the record retention period to five years
- Allowance for POUs to claim generation beginning January 1, 2011 and tracked in WREGIS for POU-owned aggregated units if certain criteria are met
- Incorporation of requirements and criteria adopted in 2014 under Resolution Nos. 14-0422-11, 14-1007-10, and 14-1117-14 for time extensions, creation of retroactive RECs, and the certification of hydroelectric generation units with a nameplate capacity not exceeding 40 megawatts that are operated as part of a water supply or conveyance system.

Staff received 13 sets of written comments on the proposed changes in the Staff Draft *RPS Guidebook, Eighth Edition* published in January 2015. These written comments are available at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/index.html#01162015>. Staff considered all written comments, discussed them with the Renewables Lead Commissioner, and made revisions to the proposed guidebook changes accordingly. These revisions are noted in the Staff Final *RPS Guidebook, Eighth Edition*.

Public Comment

Oral comments. The Energy Commission will accept oral comments during the meeting. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. All comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Written comments. Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by 4:00 p.m. on **June 5, 2015**. Written comments will be also accepted at the meeting; however, the Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the meeting. For additional information, see Standing Order re: Proceedings and Confidentiality Procedural Requirements for Filing, Service, and Docketing Documents with the Energy Commission, available at: www.energy.ca.gov/commission/chief_counsel/docket.html.

Additionally, written comments may be posted to the Energy Commission's website for the proceeding at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/index.html>. Please note that your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the viewable public record. This information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and other search engines.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name and any organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format, such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please include the docket number **11-RPS-01** and indicate **RPS Eligibility Guidebook** in the subject line. Send comments to:

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