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The *Publicly Owned Utility Integrated Resource Plan Submission and Review Guidelines, Second Edition (Guidelines)* were adopted Wednesday, August 1, 2018, at a regularly scheduled California Energy Commission business meeting. The *Guidelines* specify the requirements for submitting information, data, and reports needed to support the Energy Commission's review of integrated resource plans (IRP) submitted by the specified local publicly owned electric utilities in accordance with Senate Bill 350 (de León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015).

SB 350 requires the Energy Commission to produce guidelines for and to review IRPs from local publicly owned electric utilities (POU). Those POUs with an average load greater than 700 gigawatt-hours (in the 2013-16 period) are required to adopt IRPs by January 1, 2019, submit them to the Energy Commission, and update them at least once every five years thereafter. Based on historical data, 16 POUs are expected to be required to file an IRP.

IRPs are electricity system planning documents intended to ensure that POUs lay out the resource needs, policy goals, physical and operational constraints, and general priorities or proposed resource choices, including customer-side preferred resources. These plans will provide a framework to evaluate how utilities have chosen to align with greenhouse gas emission reduction targets as well as energy and other policy goals outlined in SB 350.

The second edition of the *Guidelines* incorporates changes made by Senate Bill 338 (Skinner, Chapter 389, Statutes of 2017), which adds subdivision (c) to Public Utilities Code Section 9621. Specifically, subdivision (c) requires the governing board of a POU, in developing its IRP, to:

“consider the role of existing renewable generation, grid operational efficiencies, energy storage, and distributed energy resources, including energy efficiency, in helping to ensure each utility meets energy needs and reliability needs in hours to encompass the hour of peak demand of electricity, excluding demand met by variable renewable generation directly connected to a California balancing authority.”

Additional changes were made to the *Guidelines* for clarity. These include:

- Clarifying that IRPs are to be updated at least once every five years from the date the POU governing board adopts their IRP.
- Improving consistency with Renewables Portfolio Standard terminology and requirements.
- Updating the IRP reporting tables and instructions.
- Minor formatting and typographical corrections.

The *Guidelines, Second Edition* are available online at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=18-IRP-01>.

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