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Amendments to Regulations Specifying)	WORKSHOP
Enforcement Procedures for the)	RE: Enforcement Procedures for
Renewables Portfolio Standard for)	the Renewables Portfolio Standard
Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities)	for Publicly Owned Electric Utilities
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NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to solicit stakeholder comments on potential amendments to the *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities* (RPS POU Regulations).

**July 17, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Warren-Alquist State Energy Building
1516 Ninth Street
1st Floor, Arthur Rosenfeld Hearing Room
Sacramento, California 95814
(Wheelchair Accessible)**

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Agenda

During the workshop, Energy Commission staff will present a summary of the proposed update topics for amending the RPS POU Regulations to implement changes in law under various legislation. The workshop will include time for stakeholder discussion on the major areas of update under consideration, including:

- Establishing new compliance periods and procurement targets for the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS).
- Implementing a new long-term procurement requirement.
- Modifying rules for the calculation of excess procurement.
- Modifying requirements for optional compliance measures, including cost limitations and delay of timely compliance.
- Implementing a retail sales reduction for voluntary green pricing programs and shared renewable generation programs.
- Modifying exemptions for local publicly owned electric utilities (POU) with qualifying large hydroelectric generation.

- Implementing exemptions for qualifying POU procurement from gas-fired generation and generation from unavoidable long-term coal contracts and ownership agreements.
- Clarifications to other existing regulatory provisions.

The final agenda and all background materials will be posted prior to the workshop at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=16-RPS-03>.

Background

The California Energy Commission plans to initiate a formal rulemaking to consider amendments to its regulations specifying the *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities*. These regulations are set forth in Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Sections 1240 and 3200–3208, and are generally referred to as the RPS POU Regulations. The regulations specify the enforcement procedures the Energy Commission uses to assess RPS compliance by POUs. The amendments to the regulations will implement changes in the law under various legislation, including Senate Bill 100 (de León, Chapter 312, Statutes of 2018); Senate Bill 1110 (Bradford, Chapter 605, Statutes of 2018); Senate Bill 1393 (de León, Chapter 677, Statutes of 2016; and Senate Bill 350 (de León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015). The Energy Commission adopted an Order Instituting Rulemaking proceeding at its January 13, 2016, business meeting and staff held an initial pre-rulemaking workshop on August 18, 2016. Pre-rulemaking activities were temporarily suspended and staff resumed pre-rulemaking activities in early 2019.

California's RPS requires retail sellers and POUs to increase their procurement of eligible renewable energy resources to 60 percent of retail sales by 2030. California's RPS is administered by the Energy Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission. As part of its responsibilities, the Energy Commission oversees RPS compliance and enforcement of the POUs. The RPS POU Regulations specify the rules and procedures that the Energy Commission uses to assess a POU's procurement actions and determine whether those actions meet the RPS procurement requirements in the law. The Energy Commission initially adopted the RPS regulations on June 12, 2013, and they took effect on October 1, 2013. The Energy Commission subsequently modified the RPS regulations, and the amended regulations were adopted by the Energy Commission on October 14, 2015, and took effect on April 12, 2016.

Public Comment

Oral comments: Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to 5 minutes per speaker and one speaker per organization. Any comments may become part of the public record for this proceeding.

Written comments: Written comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by **5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2019**. Written comments will also be accepted at the workshop; however, the Energy Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the meeting.

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g. address, phone number, email address) become part of the viewable public record. This information may also become available via any Internet search engine.

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Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include the docket number 16-RPS-03 and "Amendments to Regulations Specifying Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities" in the subject line and send to docket@energy.ca.gov.

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Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=16-RPS-03>.

Dated: June 3, 2019, at Sacramento, California



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