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July 31, 2019

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RE: Redding Electric Utility Notification of Intent to Act Pursuant to Authorization
Granted by California Public Utilities Code Section 399.33

Dear Mr. Aronson:

This letter is in response to Redding Electric Utility's (Redding) March 12, 2019 notification of its intent to act pursuant to the authorization granted by Public Utilities Code (PUC) section 399.33, as enacted by Senate Bill (SB) 1110. The Energy Commission has received your timely notification and it has been docketed in the rulemaking proceeding, 16-RPS-03. SB 1110 created an exemption that allows a local publicly owned electric utility (POU) with a qualifying gas-fired power plant to reduce its Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) procurement target under limited circumstances. PUC section 399.33 (c) requires a POU to notify the Energy Commission by April 1, 2019 of its intent to utilize the provision. Energy Commission staff previously provided Redding with an informal confirmation in April 2019. This letter confirms Redding's notification was received prior to this deadline.

Proceeding 16-RPS-03 was initiated in 2016 to adopt amendments to the Energy Commission's *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities* (RPS POU Regulations) to implement SB 350. Amendments to the RPS POU Regulations will also address subsequent changes in law as a result of new legislation. The RPS POU Regulations are codified in the California Code of Regulations, title 20, sections 1240 and 3200 – 3208.

The Energy Commission's amendments to the RPS POU Regulations will provide additional direction and guidance regarding the implementation of SB 1110, including any changes to reporting requirements, so the Energy Commission encourages Redding to actively participate in the rulemaking proceeding.

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Staff appreciates the opportunity to work with Redding towards achieving the RPS goals set by SB 100. As Redding updates its RPS procurement plan, it should carefully consider staff's draft regulatory proposals and language to ensure updates to the utility's RPS procurement plan are consistent with anticipated amendments to the RPS POU Regulations.

If you have further question, please contact Michael Sokol, Office Manager in the Renewable Energy Office, at Michael.Sokol@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4659.

Sincerely,



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