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Purpose

The California Energy Commission (CEC) has posted a staff paper reviewing Trinity Public Utility District's (Trinity PUD) application, pursuant to Section 10-109(k) of the 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Code), for the CEC to determine that new homes in the Trinity PUD service territory should not be required to comply with the Energy Code's photovoltaic (PV) system requirements. Trinity PUD requests this determination be based on its view that residential energy rates in its territory are too low for the 2019 PV system requirements to be cost-effective. Staff have performed a cost-effectiveness analysis based on the public agency rules adopted by Trinity PUD, and recommends approval of the application.

The CEC seeks public comments on the analysis included in the staff paper, *Staff Review and Analysis for Trinity Public Utility District's Application for a Solar Photovoltaic Determination*.

The staff paper and related documents are available for download on the CEC's docket website at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=19-BSTD-05>.

Background

The CEC adopted the 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, Chapter 10, and Part 6) that go into effect on January 1, 2020, requiring the installation of solar PV systems on newly constructed, low-rise residential buildings in §150.1(c)14. As part of the adoption, §10-109(k) Photovoltaic System Requirement Determination, states,

“The Commission may, upon written application or its own motion, determine that the photovoltaic requirements in §150.1(c)14 shall not apply, if the Commission finds that the implementation of public agency rules regarding utility system costs and revenue requirements, compensation for customer-owned generation, or interconnection fees, causes the Commission's cost effectiveness conclusions,

made pursuant to Public Resources Code 25402(b)(3), to not hold for particular buildings.”

Trinity PUD submitted an application on March 15, 2019, for the CEC to determine that the PV system requirement should not apply to new homes in its territory. Staff reviewed the application and performed a cost-effectiveness analysis based on the public agency rules adopted by Trinity PUD. Staff presented its findings and recommendation at the October 14, 2019, CEC Business Meeting, where the Commissioners requested that staff further document its analysis and findings. This staff paper provides the further documentation requested by the Commission.

Public Comments

Written comments should be submitted by: **5:00 p.m. on January 13, 2020.**

If you wish to submit comments on the application, please submit them using the e-commenting feature on the CEC's webpage at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=19-BSTD-05>.

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You are encouraged to use the electronic filing system described above to submit comments. If you are unable or do not wish to submit electronically, a paper copy of your comments, including the docket number 19-BSTD-05 and indicating "Photovoltaic System Requirement Determination for Trinity Public Utility District" may be sent to:

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