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WHEREAS, Public Resources Code section 25700 requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) develop contingency plans to deal with possible shortages of electrical energy or fuel supplies to protect public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) opened a rulemaking (Rulemaking 20-11-003) on November 19, 2020, to establish policies, processes, and rules to ensure reliable electric service in California in the event of an extreme weather event in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Final Root Cause Analysis, prepared for Governor Newsom by the CEC, CPUC, and California Independent Operator (CAISO) and published on January 13, 2021, identified actions to be taken by the three entities to reduce the potential for grid outages, like those that occurred in the summer of 2021 and requires the CEC to develop and publish a statewide summer assessment to provide information to support Resource Adequacy (RA) processes and maintain situational awareness of potential impacts to grid reliability; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency on July 30, 2021, which requested the CPUC exercise its powers to expand and expedite approval of demand response programs and storage and clean energy projects to reduce strain on the energy infrastructure and to ensure increased clean energy capacity by October 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the CPUC’s Assigned Commissioner issued an Amended Scoping Order Memo and Ruling for Phase 2 of Rulemaking 20-11-003 on August 10, 2021, to ensure there is adequate supply and demand management to achieve electrical systems reliability in 2022 and 2023 and referenced the CEC’s preliminary summer reliability analysis (Stack Analysis), which identifies the need for additional resources under average and extreme weather conditions and was presented at the CEC’s August 11, 2021 business meeting; and

WHEREAS, the CPUC may consider the CEC’s final Stack Analysis in Phase 2 of Rulemaking 20-11-003 consistent with Governor Newsom’s Proclamation of a State Emergency; and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the CEC hereby adopts the Summer 2022 Stack Analysis along with any changes identified in the September 8, 2021 Business Meeting, directs CEC staff to make the analysis available to the public and to incorporate the results into the 2021 Integrated Energy Policy Report.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on September 8, 2021.

AYE: Hochschild, Douglas, McAllister, Monahan, Gunda
NAY: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Liza Lopez
Secretariat