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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

*IEPR Commissioner Workshop on  
Clean Energy Interconnection –  
Identifying Barriers and Solutions in  
the Electric Distribution System*

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NOTICE OF REMOTE WORKSHOP

**Notice of Commissioner Workshop on Clean Energy  
Interconnection – Electric Distribution Grid****Tuesday, May 9, 2023****9:30 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.**

Remote Access Only

See Attendance Instructions

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a remote-access workshop to gather information on processes and timelines for interconnection and energization of clean energy resources such as electric vehicle chargers and distributed solar and storage with electricity distribution systems. Speakers from state agencies and utilities will discuss ongoing initiatives to improve interconnection and energization processes as well as distribution system planning. This workshop will also feature presentations from developers and researchers providing recommendations for how to accelerate interconnection and energization of clean energy resources on the electric distribution grid in support of reaching climate goals.

This workshop is part of the 2023 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) proceeding. Commissioner Patty Monahan is the CEC's Lead Commissioner for the 2023 IEPR. A quorum of commissioners may participate, but no votes will be taken.

The public can participate in the workshop as described below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

**Agenda**

The workshop will include presentations by the California Public Utilities Commission, utilities, developers, and other stakeholders providing an overview of established processes for connecting clean resources, current and future potential challenges as deployment rates increase, and ongoing efforts to improve processes for connecting to the electric distribution grid.

A detailed final schedule will be posted prior to the workshop at [2023 IEPR Workshops, Notices and Documents](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report/2023-integrated-energy-policy-report/2023-iepr), <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report/2023-integrated-energy-policy-report/2023-iepr>.

## Background

The focus of the 2023 IEPR is identifying barriers and solutions to accelerate the connection (including interconnection, energization, and associated system upgrades) of clean energy resources with both the bulk electric grid and the electric distribution grid. This workshop will focus on connection of resources to the electric distribution grid.

The pace of deployment of clean energy resources such as electric vehicle chargers, rooftop solar, and customer-sited storage connected to the electric distribution grid is accelerating rapidly across California. These resources are added through processes administered by the state's investor- and publicly owned utilities. The scale and rate of new resources coming online and those anticipated to come online is causing a substantial increase in applications and forecast electricity demand. Improvements in distribution system infrastructure and the process for planning, operating, and connecting to it are needed to ensure California can meet its climate and public health protection goals.

## Attendance Instructions

- To use Zoom's online platform, click on <https://energy.zoom.us/j/89278310554?pwd=SWF6RCtSeXpIekhsc0NKUVJXRkVodz09> or login in at <https://zoom.us/> and enter the Webinar/Meeting ID **892 7831 0554** and Webinar/Meeting Passcode **2023** and follow all prompts.
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## Public Comment

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [e-commenting page](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=23-IEPR-05) for this docket at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=23-IEPR-05>. Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments

may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

**Oral comments** will be accepted at the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. Depending on the number of members of the public seeking to make a comment, the facilitator may adjust the total time allotted for public comment and the time allotted for each comment.

To comment via Zoom, use the "raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press \*9 to "raise your hand" and \*6 to mute/unmute. A workshop administrator will call on you by the last three digits of your phone number. Unmute your phone before introducing yourself and sharing your comment.

The Public Advisor may, upon the request of public participants who may be absent during the workshop when a matter of interest to them is being discussed, neutrally and publicly read those participant comment into the record during the public comment period. If you are interested in this service, please email concise comments, specifying your main points, before the start of the workshop to the Public Advisor at [publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov). Comments submitted after the workshop starts or that cannot be read within a three-minute timeframe will be filed in the workshop docket.

**Written comments** may be submitted to the Docket Unit **by 5:00 p.m. on May 23, 2023.**

Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number **23-IEPR-05** and "**Identifying Barriers and Solutions in the Electric Distribution System**" in the subject line and email to [docket@energy.ca.gov](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov).

If preferred, a paper copy may be mailed to:

California Energy Commission  
Docket Unit, MS-4  
Docket No. 23-IEPR-05  
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Sacramento, California 95814

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

## **Contacts**

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### **Availability of Documents**

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available online at [2023 Integrated Energy Policy Report \(ca.gov\)](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report/2023-integrated-energy-policy-report), <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report/2023-integrated-energy-policy-report>, or at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-IEPR-05>.

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**Dated:** April 20, 2023, at Sacramento, California.

**Subscriptions:** Integrated Energy Policy Report; Climate Change Issues; Renewable Energy Executive Order; Joint Agency Report – SB 100; Flexible Demand Appliances and Load Management and Demand Response; Order Instituting Informational Proceeding on Distributed Energy Resources in California’s Energy Future; Distributed Generation; Electricity Issues; Distributed Electricity Backup Asset; Energy System Infrastructure Planning; Integrated Resource Plans; POU IRP Activities; Vehicle-Grid Integration; Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group