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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

*Energy Storage Permitting Guidebook
Workshop with the Center for
Sustainable Energy*

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NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS
WORKSHOP

RE: Energy Storage Permitting Guidebook

Notice of Energy Storage Permitting Guidebook Workshop

November 15, 2023

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Remote Access Only

See Attendance Instructions.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a workshop for EPIC grant recipient, The Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE), to introduce their Draft Energy Storage Permitting Guidebook (Draft Guidebook) developed under Agreement EPC-19-026.

This meeting will be open to the public online and by phone through Zoom. The CEC welcomes any interested member of the public to attend, including organizations that interact with energy storage permitting, specifically authorities having jurisdiction and energy storage system (ESS) installers. The public can participate in the meeting consistent with the attendance instructions below. 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. Interested participants, or their authorized representatives, may present oral and written statements at the public workshop.

Agenda

- The CEC will host this workshop and the Center for Sustainable Energy will present slides providing an overview of the Draft Guidebook.
- Workshop participants will be invited to provide feedback on the draft guidebook.

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/events> Additional information will be available at <https://www.energystorageca.com/upcoming-events>.

Background

The purpose of the Energy Storage Permitting Guidebook (Guidebook) is to simplify and reduce the cost of energy storage system permitting for authorities having jurisdiction and designers and installers of energy storage systems while maintaining safe system installation. The Guidebook provides guidance for plan-checkers and field inspectors and for those who request, design, or install energy storage systems.

The recommendations made in this Guidebook are based on interviews conducted by CSE over the past two years. CSE met with sixty stakeholders in two workshops and conducted over a dozen interviews with representatives from permitting agencies, system contractors/installers, and industry.

This Guidebook is a “living” document that will be updated as codes and standards change — and based on feedback from those who use it.

- This November 2023 (version 1) draft of the Guidebook draws upon stakeholder feedback on the deployment experiences and best practices identified during permitting and commissioning residential energy storage products with multiple deployments in California.
- In Q1 2024, the project team will publish an updated draft (version 2), incorporating public feedback where relevant for the initial rollout of the Guidebook.
- In addition to any informal interim updates to the Guidebook, the project team plan to publish an updated draft (version 3) in Q2 2024 that will include guidelines for emerging energy storage technologies based on public feedback and lessons learned from early adopter deployments.
- In Q3 2024, the project team plans to publish a final version of the Guidebook (version 4) that will incorporate public feedback where relevant.

Public comments and end user feedback is encouraged throughout the development process. This November 2023 workshop will focus on identifying any corrections or substantive omissions, and feedback gathered during this workshop will inform the publication of the Q1 2024 (version 2) draft Guidebook. End user recommendations of additional topics for inclusion within the Guidebook will be incorporated in the Q2 2024 (version 3) release.

The docket log will also be opened prior to the workshop to receive written public comments.

Attendance Instructions

Remote participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

- **To join via Zoom.** Please register in advance by clicking on https://energy.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JT6ENyKORGSTEPxwjWXTDA or login in at <https://zoom.us/> and enter the Webinar ID 882 0116 7501 and passcode 800061 and follow all prompts.
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Zoom Difficulty. Contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the CEC Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov, or by phone at (916) 957-7910.

Public Comment.

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?doctetnumber=23-ERDD-07>. 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 end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. 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.

Written comments related to version 1 of the Energy Storage Permitting Guidebook must be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on December 13, 2023. The docket will remain open for the duration of the guidebook maintenance period. Written comments will be accepted throughout this period. Written comments should clearly identify which version of the guidebook the comments relate to.

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. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 23-ERDD-07 and **Energy Storage Permitting Guidebook (version 1)** in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be mailed to:

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Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/events> or at

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-ERDD-07>.

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