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*IN THE MATTER OF:**Distributed Electricity Backup Assets
Program**[22-RENEW-01]*

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NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS WORKSHOP

RE: Distributed Electricity Backup Assets
Program**Notice of Public Workshop for the Distributed Electricity Backup
Assets (DEBA) Program – Distributed Energy Resources for
Reliability Draft Solicitation Concept****March 5, 2024**

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only. See Attendance Instructions.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a workshop to seek input on the draft solicitation concept for the Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) for Reliability Grant Funding Opportunity (GFO). The draft solicitation concept document will be posted prior to the workshop at [Docket No. 22-RENEW-01](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-RENEW-01), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-RENEW-01>.

The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the attendance instructions 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

Staff will provide an overview of the draft solicitation concept. This draft solicitation concept outlines the framework under consideration for a competitive grant solicitation to fund the deployment of DERs that will provide emergency supply or load reduction during extreme events as part of the state's Strategic Reliability Reserve. Workshop topics will include the applicant eligibility requirements, eligible project types, funding amounts, award payment structure, performance requirements, and evaluation criteria currently under consideration for inclusion in the final solicitation.

There will be opportunities for the public to ask questions and provide comments during the workshop.

A detailed schedule will be posted prior to the workshop at [Docket No. 22-RENEW-01](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-RENEW-01), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-RENEW-01>.

Background

As California transitions to a clean energy future and contends with climate impacts and other challenges, sufficient capacity of new and existing grid resources will be required to maintain reliability during extreme events. Due to the increased frequency, intensity, and duration of extreme weather events, the grid is more vulnerable and therefore needs greater investments in cleaner technologies, in alignment with the state's clean energy goals, to bolster reliability.

Created by Assembly Bill (AB) 205 (Ting, Chapter 61, Statutes of 2022) as part of the Strategic Reliability Reserve, the Distributed Electricity Backup Assets (DEBA) Program provides incentives for constructing cleaner and more efficient distributed energy assets. These distributed energy assets will serve as on-call emergency supply or load reduction for the state's electrical grid during extreme events, such as heat waves.

The [*Distributed Electricity Backup Assets \(DEBA\) Program Guidelines, First Edition*](#) (Program Guidelines) were approved by the CEC on October 18, 2023. The Program Guidelines establish the rules for the program, including eligibility requirements, the solicitation process, and key funding deadlines. This workshop will be followed by the release of the full solicitation manual after public comment is received and considered.

Projects selected through this GFO are expected to provide new capacity in the form of supply or load reduction that is incremental to the state's resource adequacy supplies and existing strategic reliability reserves and improves grid reliability. Successful projects are expected to begin deploying DER resources quickly, by Summer 2025 at the latest.

Attendance Instructions

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Public Comment.

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket [22-RENEW-01](#), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=22-RENEW-01>. 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 may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2024. 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 **22-RENEW-01** and "Distributed Electricity Backup Assets" 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 [Docket No. 22-RENEW-01](#), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-RENEW-01>.

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Dated: February 23, 2024, at Sacramento, California.

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