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WORKSHOP RE: Solar Equipment Lists

Notice of Lead Commissioner Workshop

The Lead Commissioner for Renewable Energy of the California Energy Commission, David Hochschild, will conduct a workshop to discuss and seek comments from interested parties regarding potential changes to the Energy Commission's eligible Solar Equipment Lists. The Energy Commission provides the lists for administration of incentive programs, and to support consumer protection and solar markets.

Thursday, August 16, 2018

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION 1516 Ninth Street First Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room Sacramento, California 95814-5512 (Wheelchair Accessible)

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Agenda

The California Energy Commission will seek comments from solar equipment installers, equipment manufacturers, solar and storage association representatives, staff from investor owned and publicly owned utilities and their associations, entrepreneurs, investors, and other program administrators on the following topics:

- Smart Inverter Listings Potential changes to the Inverter List to only include smart inverters and delist non-smart inverters.
- Battery Storage Potential development of a list of battery storage technologies in addition to the current equipment lists.
- Enhancements and necessary improvements that will better support the use of the Equipment Lists and related webpages.

Background

The Energy Commission's Solar Equipment Lists cover photovoltaic (PV) modules, inverters (including smart inverters beginning in September 2017), meters and related equipment. The lists are available online at

<u>http://www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov/equipment/index.php</u>. Initially developed to support the implementation of California Solar Initiative incentive programs, the Solar Equipment Lists now serve much broader functions, including being a requirement for the approval of interconnection requests and solar incentive programs in many other states. As markets for solar energy continue to expand and technology advances, the Energy Commission is considering potential updates to the lists to continue providing better consumer information and protection, and to better support the marketplace.

Stakeholder input from this workshop will be incorporated in the subsequent staff proposals for changes to the equipment lists.

To receive email notifications about the Lists of Eligible Solar Equipment Lists, please subscribe to the Energy Commission's Solar Equipment List Serve at http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb1/. For any general inquiries and technical questions, contact program staff by phone at (916) 654-4120 or email at SolarEquipment@energy.ca.gov.

Public Comment

Oral comments. The Lead Commissioner for Renewable Energy will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to five minutes per speaker. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Written comments. Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2018. Written comments will also be accepted at the workshop, however, the Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the meeting.

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Written comments may also be submitted by emailing them (include the docket number *18-SOLAR-01* and *Solar Equipment Lists Program Implementation* in the subject line) to the Docket Unit at: <u>docket@energy.ca.gov</u>

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to: California Energy Commission Docket Unit, MS-4 Re: Docket No. 18-SOLAR-01 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available online at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=18-SOLAR-01

Dated: August 3, 2018, at Sacramento, California

David Hochschild Lead Commissioner

Mail Lists: Solar Equipment List Serve