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## **Notice of Public Comment Period Docket No. 19-BSTD-05**

### **Application for Photovoltaic System Requirement Determination by Trinity Public Utility District in Accordance with Section 10-109(k) of the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1**

Trinity Public Utility District submitted an application for a photovoltaic system requirement determination to the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) on April 2, 2019 to be exempt from the photovoltaic requirement for newly constructed low-rise residential buildings, included in the *2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards*. The Energy Commission will evaluate the application as it relates to California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, Chapter 10, Section 10-109(k), which is applicable in cases where “the implementation of public agency rules regarding utility system costs and revenue requirements, compensation for customer-owned generation, or interconnection fees, causes the Commission’s cost effectiveness conclusions [...] to not hold for particular buildings.”

Staff’s review of the application will determine if the application is complete and includes all the supporting information necessary for the Energy Commission to determine if Section 10-109(k) is applicable for newly constructed low-rise residential buildings within the Trinity Public Utility District. Staff encourages interested parties to participate in the review and seek comments on the application, as well as any potential impacts relating to the proposal.

### **Background**

The *2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards* (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 6) includes new solar photovoltaic requirements for all newly constructed low-rise residential buildings in Section 150.1(c)14. These requirements, along with the rest of the 2019 California Building Standards Code, go into effect on January 1, 2020.

California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, Chapter 10, Section 10-109(k), specifies that the Energy Commission, upon written application or its own motion, may determine that the residential photovoltaic requirements in Section 150.1(c)14 shall not apply to particular buildings. The Energy Commission may do so based on a finding that the implementation of public agency rules regarding utility system costs and revenue requirements, compensation for customer-owned generation, or interconnection fees,

causes the Energy Commission's cost-effectiveness conclusions to not hold for particular buildings. This ensures that the requirements adopted into Part 6 only apply where they are cost-effective, consistent with Section 25402 of the California Public Resources Code.

At its board meeting on March 14, 2019, Trinity Public Utility District conducted a public hearing and approved the decision to seek a determination under Section 10-109(k) of the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, Chapter 10. Trinity Public Utility District has now submitted an application proposing that its residential energy rates of \$0.055 to \$0.078 per kilowatt-hour are lower than those assumed by the Energy Commission when determining cost-effectiveness of solar photovoltaic systems, and that the 2019 residential solar photovoltaic requirements are not cost-effective when these rates are applied.

Trinity Public Utility District's application includes the following:

- A cover letter that summarizes the proposal;
- Trinity Public Utility District's Residential Energy Rate Schedule; and
- Meeting Minutes of the public hearing on March 14, 2019.

A copy of the documents are attached on the following pages.

## Public Comments

Written comments should be submitted by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2019**. If you wish to submit comments on the proposal, please submit them using the e-commenting feature on the Energy Commission's webpage at:  
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=19-BSTD-05>.

A full name, email address, comment title, and either a comment or an attached document (.doc, .docx, or .pdf format) is mandatory. After a challenge response test used by the system to ensure that responses are generated by a human user and not a computer, click on the "Agree & Submit Your Comment" button to submit the comment to the Commission Docket Unit.

You are encouraged to use the electronic filing system described above to submit comments. If you are unable to submit electronically, a paper copy of your comments, including the docket number 19-BSTD-05 and indicating "Trinity Public Utility District Photovoltaic System Determination" may be sent to:

Docket Unit  
California Energy Commission  
Docket No. 19-BSTD-05  
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Or email them to: [DOCKET@energy.ca.gov](mailto:DOCKET@energy.ca.gov)

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