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IN THE MATTER OF:

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WORKSHOP

RE: Enforcement Procedures for the
Renewables Portfolio Standard for
Local Publicly Owned Electric
Utilities

NOTICE OF LEAD COMMISSIONER PRE-RULEMAKING WORKSHOP

The Lead Commissioner for Renewable Energy of the California Energy Commission (CEC), Karen Douglas, is conducting a workshop to present proposed amendments to the *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities* (RPS POU Regulations). A quorum of commissioners may attend, but no votes will be taken.

**Thursday, December 12, 2019
10:00 AM**

**Warren-Alquist State Energy Building
1516 Ninth Street
1st Floor, Arthur Rosenfeld Hearing Room
Sacramento, California 95814
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Agenda

CEC staff is presenting proposed draft amendments to the regulations to implement legislative changes to the RPS POU Regulations from Senate Bill (SB) 350 (de León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015), SB 1393 (de León, Chapter 677, Statutes of 2016), SB 1110 (Bradford, Chapter 605, Statutes of 2018), SB 100 (de León, Chapter 312, Statutes of 2018), and make clarifications to existing regulatory provisions.

A final agenda, and any additional related materials will be posted prior to the workshop at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=16-RPS-03>.

Background

The CEC plans to initiate a formal rulemaking to consider amendments to its RPS POU Regulations in Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Sections 1240 and 3200–3208. The regulations specify the enforcement procedures the CEC uses to assess publicly owned electric utilities (POUs) compliance with California’s Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). As described above, the amendments to the regulations will implement changes in the law, and make clarifications to existing regulatory provisions.

Among other requirements, California’s RPS requires retail sellers and POUs to increase their procurement of eligible renewable energy resources to 60 percent of retail sales by 2030. The RPS is administered by the CEC and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). As part of its responsibilities, the CEC oversees RPS compliance and enforcement of the POUs. The RPS POU Regulations specify the rules and procedures the CEC uses to assess a POU’s procurement actions and determine whether those actions meet the RPS requirements. The CEC initially adopted the RPS POU regulations on June 12, 2013, with an effective date of October 1, 2013. The CEC subsequently modified the RPS POU Regulations, and the amended regulations were adopted by the CEC on October 14, 2015, with an effective date of April 12, 2016.

In August 2019, the CEC published a staff paper on implementation options for the long-term procurement requirement, one of several requirements established by SB 350, and held a pre-rulemaking workshop on this topic on September 10, 2019.¹ Staff received public comment on the implementation of this requirement and considered this feedback in developing pre-rulemaking draft regulatory amendments.

Staff is developing pre-rulemaking draft regulatory amendments that include the full range of proposed regulatory changes to the RPS POU Regulations. Staff will present proposed regulatory changes and seek additional public input through oral and written comments during and after this workshop.

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 and one speaker per organization. Any comments may become part of the public record for this proceeding.

Written comments. Written comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by **5:00 p.m. on January 8, 2020**. Written comments will also be accepted at the workshop; however, the CEC may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the workshop.

¹ https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/pou_rulemaking/2016-RPS-03/

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g. address, phone number, email address) become part of the viewable public record. This information may also become available via any Internet search engine.

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=16-RPS-03>, which links to the comment page for this docket. Select or enter a proceeding to be taken to the “Add Comment” page. Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comment(s). Comments may be included in the “Comment Text” box or attached in a downloadable, searchable Microsoft® Word (.doc, .docx) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf) file. Maximum file size is 10 MB.

Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include the docket number 16-RPS-03 and “Amendments to Regulations Specifying Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities” in the subject line and send to docket@energy.ca.gov.

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Availability of Documents

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Dated: November 26, 2019 at Sacramento, California



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