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LEAD COMMISSIONER WORKSHOP ON INCREMENTAL EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NATURAL GAS POWERPLANT FLEET FOR ELECTRIC SYSTEM RELIABILITY AND RESILIENCY

On December 2, 2020, Commissioner Karen Douglas, the California Energy Commission (CEC) lead commissioner for powerplant licensing, hosted a remote-access workshop to explore potential technology options for increasing the efficiency and flexibility of the existing natural gas powerplant fleet to help meet near-term electric system reliability and the longer-term transition to renewable and zero-carbon resources.

Following are the links to the event recordings for both the morning session and the afternoon session.

Morning Session

Panel 1 discussed various incremental technology improvements that could be made to existing powerplants, and the benefits these incremental technology improvements.

Panel 2 discussed opportunities, challenges, and process modifications that may be needed to realize the incremental technology improvements discussed during Panel 1.

https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/workshop/2020-12/morning-session-technology-improvements-and-process-modifications-lead

Afternoon Session

Panel 3 explored how the incremental improvements identified in earlier panels could be procured, assuming that the improvements are cost-effective compared to other potential generation or demand reduction alternatives.

https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/workshop/2020-12/afternoon-session-finance-and-governance-lead-commissioner-workshop