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IN THE MATTER OF: Energy System Reliability

DOCKET NO. 21-ESR-01 NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RE: Department of Water Resources' Electricity Supply Reliability Reserve Fund Investment Plan

## Notice of Consideration to Adopt the Department of Water Resources' Electricity Supply Reliability Reserve Fund Investment Plan on August 9, 2023

The California Energy Commission (CEC) plans to consider for adoption the *Electricity Supply Reliability Reserve Fund Investment Plan* at the August 9, 2023, business meeting.

The public can participate in the business meeting in-person or remotely via Zoom. For a detailed agenda with instructions on how to participate in the business meeting, please visit the <u>event page</u> at: <u>https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/meeting/2023-08/energy-commission-business-meeting</u>.

## Background

Assembly Bill (AB) 205 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 61, Statutes of 2022), AB 178 (Ting, Chapter 56, Statutes of 2022), and AB 180 (Ting, Chapter 44, Statutes of 2021) collectively established the Electricity Supply Strategic Reliability Reserve Program (ESSRRP) in the Department of Water Resources (DWR). DWR's Electricity Supply Strategic Reserve Office (ESSRO) manages the ESSRRP in support of improving California's electric grid reliability, increasing affordability, and accelerating the deployment of resources needed to achieve California's clean energy transition.

Water Code Section 80710, subdivision (i) directs DWR to prepare an investment plan detailing the terms, costs, and scope of contracts entered into for the ESSRRP after October 31, 2022. The code provision further directs DWR to present the investment plan to the CEC for approval at a CEC business meeting. It also directs the Executive Director of the CEC to provide written notice of the approval of the investment plan to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. The proposed *Electricity Supply Reliability Reserve Fund Investment Plan* supports California's transition to a clean energy future and continued aggressive procurement of clean resources while acting as an insurance policy to safeguard the statewide electrical grid as climate change-induced extreme

heat, drought, flood, and wildfire are increasing in frequency and intensity. The investments help to avoid power outages for millions of Californians.

On June 2, 2023, the proposed *Electricity Supply Reliability Reserve Fund Investment Plan* was submitted to the CEC, and subsequently published for public review and comment.

On June 16, 2023, the *Electricity Supply Reliability Reserve Fund Investment Plan* was considered at the CEC business meeting as an informational item and comments were received but no votes were taken.

The proposed *Electricity Supply Reliability Reserve Fund Investment Plan,* is available at Docket No. <u>21-ESR-01</u>, at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-ESR-01.

## **Public Comment.**

Comments will be accepted at the August 9, 2023, business meeting. Public comments may be limited to two minutes per speaker or less and one person per organization. Further instructions can be found in the business meeting agenda. If you need assistance making a comment at the business meeting, please contact the CEC's Public Adviser and the email or phone number below.

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**Availability of Documents: Notice**s, documents and presentations for this proceeding will be available at <u>Docket No. 21-ESR-01</u>, at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-ESR-01.

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Dated: August 3, 2023, at Sacramento, California.

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