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in the matter of:) Docket No. 06-OII-1
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 Development of Statewide Guidelines for) NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING
 Reducing Wildlife Impacts from Wind Energy)
 Development)

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) Renewables Committee will conduct a hearing to accept public comment on the Committee Draft *California Guidelines for Reducing Impacts to Birds and Bats from Wind Energy Development (Guidelines)*. Commissioner John L. Geesman is the Presiding Member and Chairman Jackalyn Pfannenstiel is the Associate Member. The workshop will be held:

MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2007
 9 a.m.
 CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
 1516 Ninth Street
 First Floor, Hearing Room A
 Sacramento, California
 (Wheelchair Accessible)

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Passcode: **(Avian)** Call Leader: **(John Mathias)**

Purpose

The *Guidelines* provides information to help reduce impacts to birds and bats from new development or repowering of wind energy projects in California and includes recommendations on preliminary screening of proposed wind energy project sites; pre-permitting study design and methods; assessing direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts to birds and bats in accordance with state and federal laws; developing impact avoidance and minimization measures; establishing appropriate compensatory mitigation; and post-construction operations monitoring, analysis, and reporting methods.

Background

Energy Commission and California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) staff published the initial version of the draft *Guidelines* on December 22, 2006 and the revised draft *Guidelines* on April 5, 2007. Energy Commission and CDFG staff held several workshops to seek public comment on the *Guidelines*, and the Renewables Committee held workshops on February 5, 2007 and April 16, 2007 to further seek public comment on the *Guidelines*. The Energy Commission has received comment letters on the *Guidelines* from wind energy development companies, counties, conservation groups and other non-governmental organizations, scientists, and private citizens. The Renewables Committee considered comments submitted on the previous versions of the draft *Guidelines* in developing the Committee Draft *Guidelines*. This

document is available at [www.energy.ca.gov/2007publications/CEC-700-2007-008/CEC-700-2007-008-CTD.PDF].

Public Comments

The Renewables Committee encourages interested parties to present their views either in writing in advance of the hearing, orally at the hearing, or through written comments after the workshop. Written comments on the *Guidelines* must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on August 22, 2007. The most useful comments are those that reference page and line numbers of the document and provide specific recommended revisions. Please include the docket number 06-OII-1 and indicate "Developing Statewide Avian Guidelines" in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand deliver or mail an original plus 10 paper copies to:

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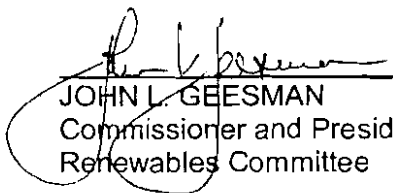
The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by e-mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document (PDF) to [docket@energy.state.ca.us]. One paper copy must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit.

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Additional Information

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Notice Date: July 30, 2007

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