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In the Matter of the Design of the New Solar Homes Partnership) Docket No. 06-NSHP-1
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) NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING
) RE: Revision of New Solar Homes
) Partnership Guidebook

Notice to Consider Adoption of Revisions to *the New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook*

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) will hold a Business Meeting on:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010

10 a.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Hearing Room A

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

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As part of the January 13, 2010 Business Meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adopting revisions to the *New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook, Revised Second Edition*. The *New Solar Homes Partnership (NSHP) Guidebook* describes the requirements for receiving incentives for installing solar electric generating systems that receive electricity from specified investor-owned utilities.

At the direction of the Energy Commission's Renewables Committee, proposed changes have been made to the *Guidebook* to clarify program requirements and simplify the application process. The *Guidebook* has also been modified to be consistent with the Senate Bill 1 Guidelines.

Below are the major proposed changes to the *New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook*:

- Clarifies the eligibility of leased systems and systems providing electricity under power purchase agreements in the program, and establishes explicit requirements for annual reporting and the repayment of program funds under certain conditions.

- Modifies the solar as an option program by allowing up to 50 percent of a project's residential dwelling units to reserve funding and extend the reservation period to 36 months.
- Allows builders/developers to submit applications for phases of six or more residential dwelling units to qualify for the solar-as-standard reservation.
- Allows any system upgrades to be calculated at the incentive level the reservation was initially approved.
- Provides incentives for only the first 7.5 kW AC of a solar energy system installed on a residential dwelling unit with no system size justification required.
- Updates the California Flexible Installation criteria tilt range to include flat installations.
- Updates the energy efficiency Tier levels under the new 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards.
- Omits NSHP-1.6 application process and NSHP-4 retailer form.
- Modifies application forms.
- Affordable housing with occupancy permits less than two years old may apply for incentives.
- Lowers affordable housing restriction from 45 years to 10 years.
- Explicitly recognizes virtual net metering for affordable housing as acceptable to apply for incentives.
- Projects requesting funding from the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) are given up to 60 days after the approval from TCAC to provide finalized energy efficiency documentation.

The Energy Commission's Renewables Committee is publishing the proposed *Guidebook* revisions (Publication No. CEC-300-2010-001-CMD) for public review. It is available online at [\[www.energy.ca.gov\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov).

Printed copies of the proposed *Guidebook* may be obtained by contacting Gina Fontanilla by phone at (916) 654-4524 or by e-mail at [\[gfontani@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:gfontani@energy.state.ca.us).

Written Comments

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All written materials relating to this proceeding will be filed with the Dockets Unit and become part of the public record. The Renewables Committee strongly encourages parties to file written comments by 5 p.m. on January 8, 2010.

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