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Staff Workshop on Solar Offset Program Pre-Rulemaking

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to discuss issues and possible alternatives under consideration regarding the Solar Offset Program.

MAY 20, 2010

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Hearing Room A

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

Remote Attendance and Availability of Documents

Internet Webcast - Presentations and audio from the meeting will be broadcast via our WebEx web meeting service. For details on how to participate via WebEx, please see the "Remote Attendance" section toward the end of this notice.

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available online at:

www.energy.ca.gov/2009-SOPR-1/documents/index.html

Purpose

The purpose of this workshop is to solicit comments from interested parties in order to develop a comprehensive set of regulations for the Solar Offset Program. A staff paper was developed, *Solar Offset Program Pre-Rulemaking*, which outlines the issues and options raised during informal stakeholder meetings that were held in February, 2010. The staff paper will be posted online no later than May 13, 2010, at the website noted above (Publication No. CEC-300-2010-005).

After the workshop, staff plans to reconcile issues/possible alternatives raised through written and oral comments, and will then develop draft regulations. Staff will brief the Renewables Committee on the draft regulations and another workshop will be held so the public may comment on the draft regulations before the formal rulemaking begins.

Background

Senate Bill 1 (Murray, Chapter 132, Statutes of 2006) is the culmination of the Governor's Million Solar Roofs Initiative, which includes the California Solar Initiative and the New Solar Homes Partnership program. The statute adds sections to the Public Resources Code that require building projects applying for ratepayer-funded incentives for photovoltaic (PV) systems to meet minimum energy efficiency levels and recommends that PV system components and installations meet rating standards and specific performance requirements. However, Senate Bill 1 is an extensive, multi-faceted piece of legislation that covers many other matters besides eligibility criteria, conditions for incentives and rating standards. In particular, Senate Bill 1 requires the Energy Commission to develop a solar offset program.

More specifically, Public Resources Code Section 25405.5, as enacted by Senate Bill 1, provides that:

- A seller of production homes must offer a solar energy system option to all customers that enter into negotiations to purchase a new production home constructed on land for which an application for a tentative subdivision map has been deemed complete on or after January 1, 2011; and,
- The Energy Commission must develop an "offset" program that will allow a developer or seller of production homes to forgo the requirement of offering a solar energy system option on a particular project by installing solar energy systems generating specified amounts of electricity on other projects.

On January 13, 2010, the Energy Commission adopted an Order Instituting Rulemaking to develop and adopt new regulations for the solar offset program.

Written Comments

Written comments on the workshop topics must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on May 27, 2010. Please include the docket number 09-SOPR-1 and indicate Solar Offset Program Pre-Rulemaking proceeding in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand deliver or mail an original copy to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 09-SOPR-1
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or the name of your organization in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic 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.

Participants may also provide an original and 10 copies at the beginning of the meeting. All written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Unit and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

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Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us].

If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this meeting, please call Sherrill Neidich, Senate Bill 1 Program Lead at (916) 651-1463, or by email at [sneidich@energy.state.ca.us].

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