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In the matter of the Design of the Emerging)	Docket No. 02-REN-1038
Renewables Program)	
)	Notice of Staff Workshop
)	RE: Emerging Renewables
)	Program

Notice of Staff Workshop on Proposed Changes to the Emerging Renewables Program

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to discuss proposed changes to the *Emerging Renewables Program (ERP) Guidebook*. The Renewables Committee consisting of Commissioner Carla Peterman, Presiding Member, and Vice Chair Jim Boyd, Associate Member, may attend the workshop.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011
Beginning at 10 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room B
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

DOCKET	
02-REN-1038	
DATE	
RECD.	Oct. 05 2011

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.

Purpose

The purpose of this workshop is to solicit stakeholders' comments on possible changes to the *ERP Guidebook*. The anticipated changes will primarily involve the design and structure of the rebate program. This is in response to recent activity within the ERP where incentive applications requested rebate amounts close to or equal to the total installed cost of the renewable energy system. Staff is also seeking comments regarding other ERP requirements, including, but not limited to, eligible criteria for small wind certifications.

Background

The ERP provides incentives to customers who purchase and install eligible fuel cells and small wind turbines. The goal of the ERP is to reduce the net cost of on-site renewable energy systems to end-use consumers.

On March 4, 2011 the Energy Commission issued a temporary suspension of the ERP. This suspension was issued in response to a significant increase in applications for small wind energy systems where the applicant is requesting rebate amounts close to or equal to the total installed cost of the system. As a result, the consumer and retailer/installation contractor may have no interest in verifying that the installation site has adequate wind resources to accommodate the wind energy system and generate enough electricity to offset the consumer's electrical load. Wind energy systems installed in locations with a poor wind resource are likely to underperform and result in a poor investment and use of ERP funding.

The goal of the ERP is to increase the installation of small wind systems and fuel cells using renewable fuels, by reducing the net cost of on-site renewable energy systems. The program, however, is not intended to fully eliminate a consumer's economic interest by covering the entire cost of the system.

Written Comments

Written comments on the meeting topics must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2011. Please include the docket number 02-REN-1038 and indicate *Staff Workshop on Proposed Changes to the Emerging Renewables Program Guidebook* 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. 02-REN-1038
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization's in the name of the file. Those submitting attached 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 workshop. 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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If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this meeting, please call James Lee at (916) 653-1195, or by email at [jslee@energy.state.ca.us].

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