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In the matter of:)	Docket No. 02-REN-1038
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Implementation of Renewable Investment)	Notice of Staff Workshop
Plan Legislation)	RE: Guideline Revisions for
_____)	Emerging Renewables Program

Staff Workshop on Possible Changes to the Emerging Renewables Program Guidebook

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to discuss possible changes to the Emerging Renewables Program Guidebook.

August 3, 2011
Beginning at 9 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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RECD. <u>Oct. 05 2011</u>

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www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/emerging_renewables/index.html

Purpose

This workshop will solicit comments from interested parties on possible changes to the *Emerging Renewables Program (ERP) Guidebook*. Staff will present its proposed changes to items including:

- A hybrid rebate structure and a maximum rebate cap based on the total price of the installed system

- Establishment of separate funding pots for small wind and fuel cell installations
- Changes to the eligibility criteria for listing small wind turbines on the list of eligible equipment
- Addition of criteria and procedure for removing equipment from the list of eligible equipment

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 workshop topics must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2011. Please include the docket number 02-REN-1038 and indicate *Staff Workshop on Possible 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:

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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 comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document (PDF) to [docket@energy.state.ca.us]. Please also email a copy of your comment to [renewable@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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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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Date: July 22, 2011

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