CPUC Distributed Generation Programs and Links to Interconnection

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	CPUC DG Program	Interconnection Tariff	Statewide Program Target (MW)	Generating Facility Size Limit	Procurement-Interconnection Link	
System Side	Renewable Feed-In Tariff (AB 1969, existing program)	Choice offered to IOUs	250	1.5 MW	Viability criteria to execute PPA: • Must have submitted interconnection request	DOCKET
					Once PPA executed: • Commercial operation within 18 months	12-IEP-1D DATE
	Renewable Feed-In Tariff (FIT) Implementing SB 32 Changes	Choice offered to developer until CPUC considers Proposed Revised Rule 21 ⁱⁱ	750	3 MW	 Statutory and proposed links to interconnection: Statutory: "strategically located" Statutory: "strategically located" Statutory: Resources qualify toward IOUs' Resource Adequacy obligation Proposed: To execute PPA, must have passed Fast Track, or completed Phase 1 study or System Impact Study Proposed: Once PPA executed, commercial operation within 24 months, plus 6 month regulatory delay extension Proposed: Developers can choose whether execute energy-only PPA or fully deliverable PPA, with differing time-of-delivery factors Proposed: Product types eligible to use feed-in tariff: baseload, peaking as-available, non-peaking as-available 	
	Renewables Auction Mechanism (RAM)	WDAT	1,000	Up to 20 MW	Viability criteria to bid into auction: • Must have passed Fast Track, or completed Phase 1 study or System Impact Study ^{ix} Once PPA executed: • Commercial operation within 24 months, plus 6 month regulatory delay extension ^x Resource adequacy: • Developer has option of bidding in as energy-only or fully deliverable ^{xi} Product types eligible to bid into auction: Baseload, peaking as-available, non-peaking as-available	
	QFs <20 MW	Rule 21 ^{xii}	No limit	20 MW	Metering: CAISO-approved meter required ^{xiii}	
	Feed-In Tariff for Efficient CHP (AB 1613 Program)	Rule 21	No limit	Up to 20 MW	Metering: CAISO-approved meter required xiv Resource Adequacy Resources qualify toward IOUs' RA obligation xv Interim solution: No deliverability assessment where interconnecting under Rule 21, and total RA service area reduced by resources' full generation capacity xvi	A obligation in purchasing utility's

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Customer Side	California Solar Initiative	Rule 21	1,940	Up to 1 MW	Must be sized to offset on-site load
	Self-Generation Incentive Program	Rule 21	Subject to budget availability	<5 MW	
	Net Energy Metering	Rule 21		1 MW, must be sized to offset on- site load ^{xvii}	 Interconnection required within 30 days of complete interconnection request. Eligible generating technologies expanded in January 2012 to include all RPS eligible technologies. Exempt by law from all interconnection study fees and upgrade costs. xviii
	Virtual Net Energy Metering	Rule 21	IOU forecasted peak load	1 MW, sized to offset aggregated load behind a single service delivery point ^{xix}	

ⁱ Res. E-4137, 2/14/2008 (PG&E: WDT, SCE: Rule 21, SDG&E: WDAT).

ii Proposed Decision Revising Feed-In Tariff Program, p. 94 (proposed for CPUC agenda 5/24/2012).

iii Pub. Util. Code section 399.20(b)(3) (The electric generation facility is "strategically located and interconnected to the electrical transmission and distribution grid in a manner that optimizes the deliverability of electricity generated at the facility to load centers").

iv Pub. Util. Code section 399.20(i).

^v Proposed Decision Revising Feed-In Tariff Program, p. 64 (proposed for CPUC agenda 5/24/2012).

vi Proposed Decision Revising Feed-In Tariff Program, p. 64 (proposed for CPUC agenda 5/24/2012).

vii Proposed Decision Revising Feed-In Tariff Program, p. 116 (proposed for CPUC agenda 5/24/2012).

viii Proposed Decision Revising Feed-In Tariff Program, p. (proposed for CPUC agenda 5/24/2012) ("Baseload projects provide firm energy deliveries (e.g., bioenergy and geothermal); peaking projects provide non-firm energy deliveries during peak hours (e.g., solar); and non-peaking as-available projects provide non-firm energy deliveries during non-peak hours (e.g., wind and hydro)").

ix Res. E-4414, p. 60 (8/18/2011). (Original viability criterion was only to have submitted an interconnection request. D.10-12-048, p. 65.)

^x Res. E-4489, p. 10 (4/19/2012).

xi Res. E-4489, p. 13 (4/19/2012) ("attainment of FCDS [Full Capacity Deliverability Status] will not be a condition precedent to achieving commercial operation, but a producer bidding a project with FCDS will be obligated to attain such status by a date certain as established by the PPA").

xii Res. E-4477, 3/8/2012.

xiii D.10-12-035, p. 21.

xiv D.10-12-035, p. 21; Res. E-4424 (12/1/2011) (Standard Contract is 5-20 MW; Simplified Contract is <5 MW).

xv Pub. Util. Code section 2841(f).

xvi Res. E-4424, p. 18 (12/1/2011) See also pp. 15-17 (deliverability assessment required if interconnecting under wholesale distribution tariff. Generating facility is paid QF <20 MW Standard Offer contract price where energy-only and interconnecting under wholesale distribution tariff or CAISO tariff, and if found to be deliverable, then switched to AB 1613 price).

xvii Pub. Util. Code section 2827.

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xix Res. E-4481 (4/19/2012); D.11-07-031.