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In the matter of,

2013 Integrated Energy Policy Report
(2013 IEPR)

) Docket No. 13-IEP-1E
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) WORKSHOP
) RE: Transmission Planning and
Permitting Issues

Notice of Lead Commissioner Workshop on California and Western States Transmission Planning and Permitting Issues

The California Energy Commission Lead Commissioner on the 2013 Integrated Energy Policy Report (2013 IEPR) will conduct a workshop to address California and Western states transmission planning and permitting issues as part of the 2013 IEPR effort.

Commissioner Andrew McAllister is the Lead Commissioner. Other commissioners may attend and participate in this workshop. Commissioners and staff from the California Public Utilities Commission may also attend and participate. The workshop will be held:

MAY 7, 2013

Beginning at 1:30 p.m.

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Agenda

This workshop will contribute to the development of the Energy Commission's 2013 IEPR proceeding. In particular, the workshop responds to the 2013 IEPR Scoping Order, dated March 7, 2013, which directs the Energy Commission to prepare a Strategic Transmission Investment Plan as required by Senate Bill 1565 (Bowen, Chapter 692, Statutes of 2004.) In addition, the workshop will begin to implement Recommendation #10 [Monitor Status of California ISO-approved Transmission Projects to Ensure Timely Completion] and #11

[Streamline Transmission Permitting in California] in the Renewable Action Plan (Chapter 5 of the *2012 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update*).

Major workshop topics include western states transmission issues, status of approved transmission projects to meet 33 percent Renewables Portfolio Standards, and synchronization of generation and transmission permitting to achieve renewable policy goals.

Background

Senate Bill 1565 (Bowen, Chapter 692, Statutes of 2004) added section 25324 to the Public Resources Code, which requires the Energy Commission to adopt a strategic plan for the state's electric transmission grid. The strategic plan will identify and recommend actions required to implement investments necessary to ensure reliability, relieve congestion, and meet future growth in load and generation, including, but not limited to, renewable resources, energy efficiency, and other demand reduction measures. The Energy Commission's 2013 IEPR Scoping Order directs the Energy Commission to prepare a Strategic Transmission Investment Plan as required by Senate Bill 1565 (Bowen, Chapter 692, Statutes of 2004.) The Scoping Order is available at: www.energy.ca.gov/2013_energypolicy/documents/2013-03-07_scoping_order_2013_IEPR.pdf.

The Energy Commission prepared a Renewable Action Plan as Chapter 5 of its *2012 IEPR Update*. Strategy 3 (Minimize Interconnection and Integration Costs and Requirements) identified several challenges and opportunities associated with grid-level renewables integration. Recommendation #10 of the Renewable Action Plan notes that California must continue to develop transmission facilities required to deliver remote renewable generation to load centers, develop milestones for each of the critical transmission projects, and track their progress. Recommendation #11 is directed at evaluating options for streamlining the transmission permitting process to better synchronize generation and transmission permitting to achieve renewable policy goals. For more information, please see the *2012 IEPR Update*, Chapter 5 (Renewable Action Plan), available at: www.energy.ca.gov/2012_energypolicy/documents/index.html.

Public Comment

Oral Comments. The IEPR Lead Commissioner will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Written Comments. Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by **May 21, 2013**. Written comments will also be accepted at the workshop; however, the Energy Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the workshop. All written comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding. Additionally, written comments may be posted to the Energy Commission's website for this proceeding.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name and any organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please include the docket number 13-IEP-1E and indicate **2013 IEPR – Transmission Planning and Permitting Issues** in the subject line. Send comments to docket@energy.ca.gov and copy the technical lead staff at Judy.Grau@energy.ca.gov.

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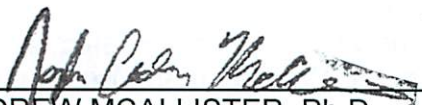
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