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In the matter of:)	Docket No. 11-RPS-01
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Developing Regulations and Guidelines)	NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
for the 33 Percent Renewables Portfolio)	RE: Station Service in the RPS
Standard)	

Notice of Staff Workshop on Station Service in the Renewables Portfolio Standard Program

Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to solicit public comment on the definition of station service load at eligible renewable electrical generation facilities participating in the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS), and to solicit public comments on the Energy Commission's treatment of station service in the RPS on:

September 10, 2013

Beginning at 9:30 a.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Hearing Room A

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

Commissioner Hochschild, Lead Commissioner for the RPS, may be in attendance.

Background

On March 4, 2013, Energy Commission staff proposed revisions to the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook (RPS Guidebook)* to clarify how the Energy Commission treats electricity used at an RPS-certified electric generating facility for station service. Proposed revisions to the draft RPS Guidebook noted that station service, also commonly called parasitic load, generally refers to the electricity consumed by an electrical generation facility for facility operations, and that electricity used for station service is not eligible for the RPS and should not result in the creation of renewable energy credits (RECs) that are used for RPS compliance. A definition for station service was also proposed.

On April 30, 2013, the Energy Commission adopted the seventh edition of the *RPS Eligibility Guidebook* without staff's proposed revisions concerning station service. Noting that the proposed revisions were "minimal clarifications," Chair Weisenmiller directed staff to "leave the status quo language" and to develop an issue paper on this topic to be discussed at a public workshop. Pursuant to this direction staff has prepared

and provided an issue paper on station service in Attachment A to this notice. This paper helps to clarify the Energy Commission's current policy on station service for the RPS and provides staff's views on how station service should be defined and applied.

Public comments from this workshop may be used to inform revisions to a future edition of the *RPS Guidebook*. The *RPS Guidebook* describes the eligibility requirements and process for certifying eligible renewable energy resources for California's RPS and describes how the Energy Commission verifies compliance with the RPS. Until the *RPS Guidebook* is revised, the status quo relating to station service will remain in effect.

Public Comment

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

Written comments. **Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by 4:00 p.m. on September 20, 2013.** Please include docket number 11-RPs-01 and indicate staff workshop on station service in the subject line. Written comments will also be accepted at the workshop; however, the Energy Commission staff may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the workshop. For additional information, see Standing Order re: Proceedings and Confidentiality Procedural Requirements for Filing, Service, and Docketing Documents with the Energy Commission, available at: www.energy.ca.gov/commission/chief_counsel/docket.html.

Additionally, written comments may be posted to the Energy Commission's website for the proceeding. Please note that your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g. your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the viewable public record. This information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

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) and sent to:

docket@energy.ca.gov and RPS33@energy.ca.gov.

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