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In the matter of the design of the New Solar Homes Partnership) Docket No. 06-NSHP-1
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) NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING
) RE: Revisions to the New Solar
Homes Partnership Guidebook

Notice to Consider Adoption of Revisions to the *New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook*

As part of the December 11, 2013 Business Meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adopting revisions to the *New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook (NSHP Guidebook)* as proposed in the *NSHP Lead Commissioner Draft Guidebook*.

The Energy Commission will conduct a Business meeting on:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013

10 a.m.

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First Floor, Hearing Room A

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

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The *NSHP Guidebook* describes the requirements for participating in the NSHP and receiving incentives for installing eligible solar energy systems on new residential construction located in specified investor-owned utility territories.

Staff, with input and guidance from lead Commissioner Andrew McAllister, is recommending the following proposed revisions to the *NSHP Guidebook*:

- Changes the timeframe for when a solar permit must be issued.
- Clarifies the NSHP requirements with respect to the 2013 California Building Energy Efficiency Standards.

- Revises the energy efficiency requirements and processes.
- Removes the requirements for contractors, installers, and sellers to be registered in the Energy Commission's Database of Solar Installers, Contractors, and Retailers in California.
- Adds a new incentive level.
- Modifies the incentive decline schedule and process.
- Revises the requirements for leases and power purchase agreements.
- Extends the reservation period for virtual net-metered projects.
- Removes the "Solar as an Option" project type.
- Modifies the requirements for the "Solar as Standard" project type and it is now referred to as "Large Developments."
- Revises the reservation and payment claim processes and requirements.
- Revises the NSHP-1 Reservation Application Form and the NSHP-2 Payment Claim Form.
- Clarifies and streamlines the *NSHP Guidebook* language and requirements.
- Incorporates information from the *Overall Program Guidebook* that is relevant to the NSHP.
- Identifies the effective date of the *NSHP Guidebook, Seventh Edition* to be January 1, 2014.

The proposed changes are shown in underline/strikeout. Minor formatting changes were also made in the *NSHP Guidebook*. They are not shown in underline/strikeout.

A draft of the *NSHP Guidebook* that includes the proposed revisions will be available on the Energy Commission's website at:

www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/06-NSHP-1/documents/index.html

Background

The NSHP is part of a comprehensive statewide solar program known as the California Solar Initiative. The NSHP provides financial incentives to encourage the installation of eligible solar energy systems on new residential construction located in specified investor-owned utility territories. The NSHP seeks to achieve 360 megawatts of distributed solar photovoltaic electric capacity by the end of 2016.

Since the program began in 2007, Energy Commission staff has received many comments from stakeholders to streamline the program. Energy Commission staff held a workshop on August 6, 2013, to present considered revisions and solicit public comments. Staff considered the public comments and incorporated them as appropriate into the staff draft of the *NSHP Guidebook*.

On October 18, 2013, the staff draft of the *NSHP Guidebook* was posted for public comment. Eight stakeholders submitted comments. As appropriate, staff incorporated the stakeholder comments. These changes are reflected in the *NSHP Lead Commissioner Draft Guidebook*.

The minimum guidelines for implementing California's solar energy system incentive programs, including the NSHP, are identified in the *Guidelines for California's Solar Electric Incentive Programs (Senate Bill 1)* [Murray, Chapter 132, Statutes of 2006, § 4], also known as the *SB1 Guidelines*. The *SB1 Guidelines* include requirements with respect to the *California Building Energy Efficiency Standards* similar to those that are being updated in the *NSHP Guidebook*. It is necessary to make corresponding changes for the *2013 California Building Energy Efficiency Standards* in the *SB1 Guidelines*. These changes are expected to be finalized in the first quarter of 2014.

Public Comment

The Energy Commission will accept oral comments during the meeting. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by 4:00 p.m. on December 9, 2013. Written comments will be also accepted at the Business Meeting on December 11, 2013; however, the Energy Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the meeting. 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.

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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 06-NSHP-1 and indicate "*New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook*" in the subject line. Please submit comments to docket@energy.ca.gov and Le-Quyen.Nguyen@energy.ca.gov to ensure that staff receives a copy.

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

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