



In the matter of:

Overview of the New Solar Homes
Partnership Program and Request for
Additional Program Funding)

Docket No: 06-NSHP-1

Staff Webinar
RE: New Solar Homes Partnership
Program

Notice of Staff Webinar

New Solar Homes Partnership Program

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a webinar to provide an overview of the New Solar Homes Partnership (NSHP) Program and the Energy Commission's request to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for additional program funding on:

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

9:30 a.m.

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Background

The NSHP Program is the Energy Commission's component of the California Solar Initiative (CSI), established by Senate Bill 1 (Murray, Chapter 132, Statutes of 2006) with the goals of (1) installing solar energy systems with a generating capacity equivalent to 3,000 megawatts, (2) establishing a self-sufficient solar industry within ten years, and (3) placing solar energy systems on 50 percent of new California homes by 2020. The CSI is being implemented by the Energy Commission, the CPUC, and the state's local publicly owned electric utilities in different programs that share the same broad goals. The NSHP Program is limited to solar on new residential construction and provides financial incentives for homeowners, builders, and developers to include solar energy systems on new, energy efficient homes that will contribute to the CSI goals.

SB 1 authorized up to \$400 million for the NSHP Program, but did not create a vehicle for adequately funding the program. Instead, SB 1 relied on moneys in the Renewable Resource Trust Fund that were supported by the public goods charge (PGC) collections under Public Utilities Code Section 399.8 to fund the NSHP Program. These PGC collections ended on December 31, 2011, resulting in a difference of approximately \$112 million between what was authorized for the program and what was collected.

Public Utilities Code Section 2851(e)(3) authorizes the CPUC to request Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (collectively referred to as investor-owned utilities) to continue the NSHP Program under the guidelines established by the Energy Commission until the \$400 million funding limit in the law is reached. Section 2851 (e)(3) also authorizes the

CPUC to designate a third party, including the Energy Commission, to administer the continuation of the NSHP Program.

On November 13, 2015, the Energy Commission requested the CPUC to initiate action under Section 2851 (e)(3) to: (1) require the investor owned utilities to continue the NSHP Program by collecting additional program funds until the \$400 million funding limit is reached, by requesting approximately \$111.78 million; (2) designate the Energy Commission to serve as the administrator of the continued NSHP Program; and (3) establish any necessary administrative and oversight-related requirements for the continued NSHP Program. The Energy Commission's request noted that the request may be addressed as part of CPUC Rulemaking (R.) 12-11-005, *Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Policies, Procedures and Rules for the California Solar Initiative, the Self-Generation Incentive Program and Other Distributed Generation Issues*. On June 9, 2014, the CPUC issued an Assigned Commissioner Ruling and Scoping Memo under R.12-11-005, which identified issues that would be included in the scope of the proceeding going forward, including continuation of the NSHP Program:

“In D.13-11-025,¹ which was issued in a different proceeding (Application (A.) 12-11-001), the Commission² clarified that issues related to the source and level of funding for solar on new construction pursuant to § 2851, the New Solar Homes Partnership, should be added to the scope of this proceeding. Those portions of SB 96 (Budget Act of 2013) relevant to the New Solar Homes Partnership will also be addressed in this proceeding.”³

Purpose of the Webinar

The Energy Commission is conducting this webinar to provide interested parties with background on the NSHP Program and the Energy Commission's request to the CPUC in preparation for the CPUC taking up this issue as part of R.12-11-005. The webinar is for education purposes only and is not intended to be part of the public record for R.12-11-005 or any other CPUC proceeding.

The Energy Commission's request to the CPUC for additional funding, continuation of the NSHP Program, and designation as the program administrator is available for public review at <http://www.gosolarcalifornia.org/about/nshp.php>, along with general information about the NSHP Program and current funding levels.

The Energy Commission is distributing this webinar notice to all parties on the distribution list for its NSHP proceeding, docket no. 06-NSHP-1. In addition, it is

¹ Application of the California Energy Commission for Approval of Electric Program Investment Charge Proposed 2012 through 2014 Triennial Investment Plan, D.13-11-025, Decision Addressing Applications of the California Energy Commission, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company and Southern California Edison Company for Approval of Their Triennial Investment Plans for the Electric Program Investment Charge Program for the Years 2012 Through 2014, November 19, 2013.

² California Public Utilities Commission

³ Assigned Commissioner's Ruling and Scoping Memo, R.12-11-005, no. 4, p. 7. Issued on June 9, 2014.

contemplated that CPUC staff will distribute the webinar notice to all parties on the service list for R.12-11-005.

Parties participating in the NSHP proceeding are encouraged to participate in the CPUC's R.12-11-005 proceeding for the Energy Commission's request to the CPUC for additional program funding to continue the NSHP. For additional information on how to actively participate as a party in the CPUC proceeding, please refer to the CPUC's website at www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/practitioners.

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