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In the matter of:) California Energy Commission
) Docket No. 16-RGO-01
Regional Grid Operator and Governance)
) NOTICE OF JOINT STATE AGENCY
) WORKSHOP RE: Proposed
) Regionalization of the Independent
) System Operator

Notice of Joint State Agency Workshop on the Proposed Regionalization of the Independent System Operator

Per the requirements of the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015, Senate Bill 350 (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015), the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission), California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and California Air Resources Board (ARB) will jointly host a public workshop on topics related to regionalization of the Independent System Operator, including the development of a proposed governance structure and studies on the environmental and economic impacts of a regional grid operator.

One or more commissioners or board members from the Energy Commission, CPUC, ARB, will attend and participate in the workshop. A quorum of commissioners and board members from each of the Energy Commission, CPUC, and/or ARB may be in attendance. Members of the Board of Governors of the California Independent System Operator (California ISO) may also be in attendance. No action will be taken at the workshop.

The workshop will be held:

Tuesday, July 26, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE
1500 11th Street
First Floor, Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Background

On October 7, 2015, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 350, the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act. The statute states the intent of the Legislature to provide for the evolution of the California ISO into a regional organization to promote the development of regional electricity markets in the western states. Such regional electricity markets may provide significant economic and environmental benefits, which will be explored pursuant to SB 350. This evolution could occur through additional transmission owners joining the Independent System Operator with any necessary approvals from their own state or local regulatory authorities.

Government and industry leaders and other stakeholders in the Western U.S. are currently exploring the possibility of establishing a regional grid operator through expansion of the California ISO. Specifically, PacifiCorp has signed an MOU with intent to explore joining the California ISO. Such an expansion of the California ISO will require that its current bylaws and corporate governance structure be amended and that the new structure be approved by the California Legislature.

Under SB 350, the California ISO was required to: (1) prepare governance modifications needed to transform into a regional organization; and (2) conduct one or more studies of the impacts of a regional market enabled by the proposed governance modifications, including overall benefits to ratepayers, including the creation or retention of jobs and other benefits to the California economy, environmental impacts in California and elsewhere, impacts in disadvantaged communities, emissions of greenhouse gases and other air pollutants, and reliability and integration of renewable energy resources.

On May 6, 2016, the Energy Commission and Governor's Office held a workshop to begin the dialogue on key principles and concepts of regional grid operator governance. On June 16 and 20, 2016, the Energy Commission and Governor's Office held workshops in Sacramento and Denver to present proposed principles for governance of a regional grid operator.

Agenda

The purpose of the workshop is to bring public officials, government and non-government entities, representatives of California regulatory agencies, and other interested stakeholders together to discuss topics related to the development of a governance structure and implications for a regional grid operator. At the workshop, the California ISO will present revised proposed principles for governance of a Regional ISO and the results of recent regional market expansion studies. The agencies will provide feedback on the studies and consider stakeholder comments provided at the workshop. All interested parties are invited to attend. Opportunities to provide public comment will be provided as well. See attached Schedule for Workshop for a description of the order of presentations.

Public Comment

Oral comments: Oral comments will be accepted during the workshop. Comments will be limited to three minutes per organization and will become part of the public record for this stakeholder process.

Written comments on both revised proposed principles for governance of a Regional ISO and the studies on the environmental and economic impacts of a regional grid operator will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on August 2, 2016.

Please submit comments to the Energy Commission using the Energy Commission's e-commenting feature by going to the Regional Grid Operator and Governance webpage http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/regional_grid and clicking on the Submit Comments link. A full name, e-mail address, comment title, and either a comment or an attached document (.doc, .docx, or .pdf format) is mandatory. After a challenge-response test used by the system to ensure that responses are generated by a human and not a computer, click on the "Agree & Submit Your Comment" button to submit the comment to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit.

Please note that written comments, attachments, and associated contact information included within the written comments and attachments (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the viewable public record.

You are encouraged to use the electronic commenting system, described above, to submit comments. If you are unable to submit comments electronically, a paper copy of your comments may be mailed to:

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California Energy Commission
Docket No. 16-RGO-01
1516 Ninth Street, MS-4
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

If you choose not to use the electronic filing system, please include the Docket Number 16-RGO-01 on any e-mailed or mailed comments. Comments may be e-mailed to docket@energy.ca.gov with a carbon copy to misa.milliron@energy.ca.gov. Written comments will also be accepted at the workshop by Kevin Barker, Chief of Staff to Chair Weisenmiller. However, the workshop participants may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the workshop.

Please note that comments on this workshop will not become part of the record for proposed California ISO-related amendments to ARB's Cap-and-Trade and Mandatory Reporting Regulations. Members of the public interested in commenting on those regulations and related documents should file comments in the appropriate ARB dockets when those dockets are opened.

Public Adviser and Other Commission Contacts

The Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission proceedings. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser, Alana Mathews, by e-mail at PublicAdviser@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4489 (toll free at (800) 822-6228).

If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz by e-mail at Lou.Quiroz@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance of the workshop.

Media inquiries should be sent to the Media and Public Communications Office by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

If you have questions on the subject matter of the workshop, please contact Al Alvarado by e-mail at Al.Alvarado@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4749.

The service list for the stakeholder process is handled electronically. Notices and documents for this proceeding are posted to the Energy Commission website. When new information is posted, an e-mail will be sent to those on the Regional Grid Operator and Governance List Serve. We encourage those who are interested in receiving these notices to sign up for the list serve through the website at http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/regional_grid.

Remote Attendance

You may participate in the workshop through AT&T Connect, an online meeting service. Presentations will be webcast, and you may listen to audio via your computer or telephone. Please be aware that the workshop will be recorded.

To join the workshop:

VIA COMPUTER:

Please connect to the web 5-10 minutes prior to the workshop to allow time for a short download. Go to <http://ems7.intellor.com/login/705946>. Audio connection instructions will be available after connecting to the web conference.

VIA TELEPHONE ONLY (no visual presentation):

Please only use this method if unable to participate by web to ensure the ability to participate in Q&A. Call (877) 369-5230. When prompted, enter the passcode **0366202#**.

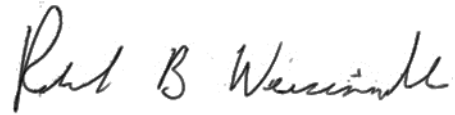
If you have difficulty joining the workshop, please call AT&T Connect Support at (888) 796-6118.

Availability of Documents

The documents and presentations for the workshop will be available online at:
http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb350/regional_grid/documents/index.html.

DATE: July 15, 2016

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SCHEDULE FOR WORKSHOP: Joint State Agency Workshop on the Proposed Regionalization of the Independent System Operator

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Introductions, Workshop Objectives, and Opening Comments

Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller, California Energy Commission
Chair Mary Nichols, California Air Resources Board
Commissioner Mike Florio, California Public Utilities Commission
Commissioner Liane Randolph, California Public Utilities Commission

Senate Bill 350 Studies Presentation

Keith Casey, California ISO
Hannes Pfeifenberger, The Brattle Group
Arne Olsen, Energy + Environmental Economics
David Roland-Holst, Berkeley Economic Advising and Research Center
Susan Lee, Aspen Environmental Group

Questions and Comments from the Dais

Government Officials' Remarks

Public Comment

Lunch

California ISO Presentation on Revised Proposed Principles for Governance of a Regional ISO

Stacey Crowley, Vice President Regional and Federal Affairs, California
ISO

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Closing Remarks