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NOTICE OF MEETING RE: Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative 2.0

## Notice of Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative 2.0 Transmission Technical Input Group Meeting

Staff at the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), California Energy Commission (Energy Commission), California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and California Independent System Operator (California ISO) will host a meeting of the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI) 2.0 Transmission Technical Input Group (TTIG). The purpose of this meeting is to share preliminary results of the TTIG review of RETI 2.0 Transmission Assessment Focus Areas (TAFAs). One or more commissioners from the California Energy Commission and/or the CPUC may attend and participate in the meeting.

The meeting will be held:

**Friday, July 29, 2016** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION 1516 Ninth Street First Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room Sacramento, California (Wheelchair Accessible)

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#### Background

On October 7, 2015, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 350, the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015 (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015), which: requires overall greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions of 40 percent of 1990 levels by 2030; requires electric utilities to prepare long-term plans to meet GHG goals; establishes targets to increase retail sales of qualified renewable electricity to at least

50 percent by 2030; and requires a doubling of energy efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas end uses. Senate Bill 350 also outlines a process for the regional expansion of the California ISO. In addition, in August 2015, the federal Clean Power Plan was finalized, requiring every state to significantly reduce electricity-sector GHG emissions. Developing the transmission needed to support increasing amounts of renewable resources will be critical to meeting these goals and will require careful planning and coordination across the West.

In September 2015, the CNRA, Energy Commission, CPUC, California ISO, and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management California Office initiated RETI 2.0 as a proactive, statewide, non-regulatory planning forum to facilitate the long-range planning, interagency coordination, and stakeholder engagement necessary to identify the constraints and opportunities for new transmission to access and integrate new renewable resources and help meet the state's long-term GHG emission reduction and renewable energy goals.

Specifically, RETI 2.0 will:

- Explore renewable generation resources in California and throughout the West that can help meet California's long-term energy and GHG reduction goals.
- Identify land use and environmental opportunities and constraints to accessing these resources.
- Build understanding of transmission options for accessing and integrating renewable resources, and support for "least regrets" transmission pathways.
- Inform future planning and regulatory proceedings.

The TTIG is a technical work group composed of representatives from the state's transmission owners and operators and charged with advising the primary RETI 2.0 Plenary Group on existing and planned transmission system capacity and the transmission implications of potential future resource combinations. The TTIG prepared an interim report summarizing the existing and planned transmission capacity for new renewable energy and has begun work on assessing the transmission implications of additional development in the TAFAs identified by the RETI 2.0 Plenary Group in the joint agency workshop on May 2, 2016.

## **Meeting Agenda**

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss with stakeholders the preliminary draft findings of the TTIG on the transmission implications of the hypothetical renewable energy development scenarios proposed in the TAFAs. The goal of the meeting is to refine these draft preliminary results.

A specific agenda will be posted prior to the meeting. Topics on the agenda will include, but not be limited to:

- A presentation of preliminary draft findings of the TTIG on the transmission implications of hypothetical renewable energy development in TAFAs
- Discussion with stakeholders of these preliminary draft transmission implications
- Public comment

### **Public Comment**

**Oral comments:** The TTIG will accept oral comments during the meeting. Comments may be limited to three minutes per organization and will become part of the public record for this stakeholder process.

Written comments should be submitted by August 8, 2016. Please submit comments to the Energy Commission using the Energy Commission's e-commenting feature by going to the RETI 2.0 webpage <a href="http://www.energy.ca.gov/reti/">http://www.energy.ca.gov/reti/</a> and click on the "Submit eComment" 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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Or e-mail them to: DOCKET@energy.ca.gov

If you choose not to use the electronic filing system, please include the Docket Number 15-RETI-02 on any e-mailed or mailed comments. Written comments will also be accepted at the meeting by Al Alvarado of the Energy Commission. However, the agencies may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the meeting.

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

Media inquiries should be sent to the Media and Public Communications Office by email at <u>mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov</u> or (916) 654-4989.

If you have questions on the subject matter of this meeting, please contact Al Alvarado by e-mail at <u>Al.Alvarado@energy.ca.gov</u> 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 RETI e-mail list server. We encourage those who are interested in receiving these notices to sign up for the list server through the website at www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/.

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## Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available online at: <u>http://www.energy.ca.gov/reti/</u>

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