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NOTICE OF PRESENTATION RE: Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative 2.0

Notice of Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative 2.0 Plenary Group Presentation

Staff at the California Energy Commission and California Independent System Operator (California ISO) will host a presentation of the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI) 2.0 Plenary Group. The purpose of this event is to present and discuss the Draft RETI 2.0 Plenary Report and encourage stakeholder comment on the report.

The Plenary Group presentation will be held:

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Remote Access by Computer or Phone via WebEx (Instructions below in section titled "Remote Attendance")

This event will occur primarily via remote access, but the following venue will be available for those who would like to participate in person:

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

Background

On October 7, 2015, Governor Brown signed the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015 (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015), which requires electric utilities to increase retail sales of qualified renewable electricity to at least 50 percent by 2030 and to prepare long-term plans to achieve greenhouse gas (GHG) levels consistent with a 40 percent statewide GHG reduction goal by 2030. Senate Bill 32 (Pavley, Chapter 249, Statutes of 2016) put into law a statewide goal to reduce GHG emissions 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. Developing the transmission needed to support increasing



amounts of renewable resources and GHG reductions will be critical to meeting these goals and will require careful planning and coordination across the West.

In September 2015, the California Natural Resources Agency, Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, California ISO, and the Bureau of Land Management California Office initiated RETI 2.0 to facilitate the long-range planning, inter-agency coordination, and stakeholder engagement necessary to support these goals. RETI 2.0 is a proactive, statewide, non-regulatory planning forum intended 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 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 RETI 2.0 Workplan, presented to stakeholders in December 2015, established a three-phase structure to accomplish these goals. These phases are:

- First phase: The RETI 2.0 Plenary Group explored renewable energy needs, locations, and costs and identified Transmission Assessment Focus Areas (TAFAs) and hypothetical resource ranges.
- Second phase: Three Input Groups (Transmission, Environmental and Land Use, and Western Outreach) prepared reports regarding the implications of developing hypothetical resource ranges in the identified TAFAs.
- Third phase: Review transmission and environmental implications, identify conclusions, and make recommendations for next steps.

The three RETI 2.0 Input Group reports have been completed and are available at <u>http://energy.ca.gov/reti/reti2/documents/index.html</u>. These reports are:

- RETI 2.0 Western Outreach Project Report, a staff report of the Western
 Interstate Energy Board with technical support from Energy Strategies LLC
- *Transmission Capability and Requirements Report*, Final Report of the RETI 2.0 Transmission Technical Input Group
- Environmental and Land Use Information to Support the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI) 2.0 Process, Final Report of the Environmental and Land Use Technical Group

This meeting will not be taking comments on these reports specifically. It will instead focus on comments on the Draft RETI 2.0 Plenary Report, which carries forward conclusions and recommendations from the three reports above.

Agenda

A schedule will be posted prior to the presentation. The topics to be addressed by the agenda may include, but are not limited to:

- Presentation of the Draft RETI 2.0 Plenary Report
- Discussion of conclusions and recommendations
- Public comment

Public Comment

Oral comments: Oral comments and questions will be accepted 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 December 2, 2016. Please submit comments to the Energy Commission using the Energy Commission's e-commenting feature by going to the RETI 2.0 webpage http://www.energy.ca.gov/reti/ and clicking 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 person 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 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 Poneh Jones by e-mail at <u>poneh.jones@energy.ca.gov</u> or (916) 654-4425 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 the 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

The agenda, documents and presentations for the meeting will be available online at: <u>http://www.energy.ca.gov/reti/.</u>

DATE: November 14, 2016

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