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Notice of IEPR Joint Agency Workshop on Application of Distributed Energy Resources on the California Grid

The California Energy Commission will jointly conduct a workshop with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Independent Systems Operator (California ISO) to discuss the application of distributed energy resources (DER) on the California Grid. The workshop is part of the 2017 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) proceeding.

Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller is the Lead Commissioner for the 2017 IEPR. Other Commissioners at the Energy Commission and the CPUC may also attend and participate in the workshop. A quorum of Commissioners from the CPUC and/or the Energy Commission may be in attendance, but no votes will be taken.

Thursday, June 29, 2017
10:00 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
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First Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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Background

The California Legislature recently enacted legislation to further California’s deep commitment to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and deploying DER. Senate Bill 350 (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015) approved by the Governor in 2015, commits California to reduce 2030 GHG emissions by 40 percent below 1990 levels, which increases to 50 percent the share of electricity to be produced by renewable generation, doubles targets for energy efficiency, and
encourages widespread transportation electrification. Assembly Bill 327 (Perea, Chapter 611, Statutes of 2013), approved by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in 2013, requires reform of utility distribution planning, investment, and operations to “minimize overall system cost and maximize ratepayer benefits from investments in preferred resources,” while advancing time- and location-variant pricing and incentives to support DER.

DER, which are defined as distribution-connected distributed generation resources, energy efficiency, energy storage, electric vehicles, and demand response technologies, are key to meeting these new policies.

On May 3, 2017, the CPUC approved “California’s Distributed Energy Resources Action Plan: Aligning Vision and Action,” which addresses the future role of DER on the California Grid and the actions necessary to satisfactorily implement DER. Some DER technologies such as energy efficiency or demand response can be integrated relatively seamlessly with the grid. Other DER technologies such as distributed generation (for example, distributed solar and wind systems), plug-in electric vehicles, energy storage, and others require much more effort to integrate these resources onto the grid. This workshop will review the latest developments in the integration of DER onto the California Grid and identify the actions necessary to continue the successfully integration of higher concentrations of DER.

Agenda

The workshop will feature presentations and panel discussions to outline the latest activities in the integration of DER onto the California Grid. The workshop will start with a review of the results from the June 13, 2017, IEPR Joint Staff Workshop on the Review of the Actions and Status of State Level Roadmaps to complete a review of the three key state DER roadmaps on (1) energy storage, (2) energy efficiency and demand response and (3) vehicle grid integration. Next the workshop will review the status of the CPUC’s DER Action Plan activities followed by a panel of investor owned utility representatives to discuss their DER integration activities and the challenges they are experiencing as they implement state policies. This panel will be followed by a presentation on the publically owned utilities’ DER and energy storage implementation activities. Next, the California ISO will discuss efforts to open more of their competitive markets to DER system providers and discuss how increased DER may impact the management of the state’s transmission system. The Energy Commission staff will also discuss how the next Strategic Transmission Investment Plan will address increasing amounts of DER on the California Grid. The workshop will then allow time for public comments on the day’s discussions.

A detailed schedule will be posted prior to the workshop at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/2017_energypolicy/

Public Comment

Oral Comments: Commissioners will accept oral comments during the workshop. Public comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker. Comments may be limited to one representative per organization. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.
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Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 17-IEPR-12
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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Date: June 14, 2017

Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller
Lead Commissioner

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