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In the matter of:	)	Docket No. 16-NSHP-01
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The Design of the New Solar Homes Partnership	)	NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING
	)	RE: Revisions to the New Solar
	)	Homes Partnership Guidebook

Notice to Consider Adoption of the *New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook Eleventh Edition*

The Energy Commission will conduct a business meeting on:

Wednesday, October 11, 2017
10:00 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room
Sacramento, California 95814
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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Agenda
As part of the October 11, 2017, business meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adopting the *New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook (NSHP Guidebook), Eleventh Edition.* The *NSHP Guidebook*, *Eleventh Edition*, includes the following revisions developed by staff, with input and guidance from NSHP Lead Commissioner David Hochschild:

- Implements participation deadlines to accommodate legal encumbrance and payment program end dates.
    - Establishes a reservation application submittal deadline of April 1, 2018, to accommodate the June 1, 2018, statutory encumbrance deadline, required by Senate Bill 83 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 24, Statutes of 2015, SB 83).

    - Establishes a payment claim submittal deadline of August 31, 2021, to accommodate the December 31, 2021, statutory payment disbursal deadline, required by SB 83 (2015).
- Increases incentive rates for all claims subject to the 2016 *Building Energy Efficiency Standards*, under Title 24, Part 6 (2016 Energy Standards).
- Discontinues the alternative incentive calculation approach designed for large development projects with multiple building plans less than 2500 square feet.
- Requires all reservation applications to include Title 24 documentation demonstrating that the applicant's project is meeting 2013 Energy Standards or better.
- Allows the NSHP FI-1 form to be submitted at payment claim to calculate the incentive for systems that are minimally shaded and have recorded PV system verification results using the NSHP PV-3.
- Allows a "Letter of Intent" to be submitted in lieu of an executed installation agreement at reservation stage for affordable housing and multifamily projects. An executed installation agreement will be required before final payment approval.
- Revises the NSHP-1, NSHP-2, and NSHP-3 forms.
- Provides clarification that the solar permit must be dated before the certificate of occupancy.
- Removes the requirement that building permits and subdivision tract maps be submitted with an application for a reservation. The Energy Commission reserves the right to request copies of these for any reason.
- Removes the requirement that leases or Power Purchase Agreements be submitted with payment claims. The Energy Commission reserves the right to request third-party financing agreements for any reason.
- Discontinues the Established Installer Lease/PPA form since leases and Power Purchase Agreements are no longer required documents.
- Eliminates the Incentive Disclosure Affidavit form since the NSHP incentive amount will be listed on the NSHP-1 form and acknowledged by the applicant at reservation.
- Removes the intended timeline for processing payment claims.
- Establishes a limit of one time extension up to twelve months per project, not to extend beyond August 31, 2021.
- Allows applicants with an approved project reservation that has not received an approved payment claim to request that the project be subject to the reservation criteria and processes identified in this *NSHP Guidebook, Eleventh Edition*. Applicants must notify the Energy Commission in writing or email if they wish to be subject to the *NSHP Guidebook, Eleventh Edition*.

The draft *NSHP Guidebook, Eleventh Edition,* as proposed in the *NSHP Lead Commissioner Draft Guidebook*, *Eleventh Edition,* is available on the Energy Commission's website at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/16-NSHP-01/.

The *NSHP Lead Commissioner Draft Guidebook*, *Eleventh Edition* is available in two versions; a version showing changes in underline/strikeout format relative to the current text of the *NSHP Guidebook, Tenth Edition (Revised)* and a clean version. Formatting

changes were also made in the *NSHP Lead Commissioner Guidebook*, *Eleventh Edition,* but are not shown in underline/strikeout.

Background

Launched in 2007, the NSHP Program is the Energy Commission's component of the California Solar Initiative (CSI), which was established by Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) (Murray, Chapter 132, Statutes of 2006). The NSHP program 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. In 2015, Senate Bill 83 (SB 83) (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 24, Statutes of 2015), and the subsequent CPUC Final Decision 16-06-006, extended the life of the NSHP and directed the investor owned utilities to collect additional ratepayer funds necessary to achieve the $400 million in program funds originally authorized under SB 1.

The *NSHP Guidebook* describes the requirements for participating in the NSHP and receiving incentives for installing eligible solar energy systems on new residential construction located in specified investor-owned utility territories.

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If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

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Dockets Office, MS-4
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Availability of Documents on This Matter

Documents and presentations regarding this proceeding are available online at: https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=16-NSHP-01.

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