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WORKSHOP

RE: Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities

NOTICE OF LEAD COMMISSIONER WORKSHOP

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Commissioner Karen Douglas, the California Energy Commission (CEC) Lead Commissioner for Renewable Energy, will conduct a workshop to discuss potential amendments to the *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities* (RPS POU Regulations). The Lead Commissioner workshop is in lieu of the previously noticed CEC staff workshop scheduled for September 10, 2019. A quorum of commissioners may attend, but no votes will be taken.

> September 10, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Warren-Alquist State Energy Building 1516 Ninth Street 1st Floor, Arthur Rosenfeld Hearing Room Sacramento, California 95814 (Wheelchair Accessible)

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Background

The CEC plans to initiate a formal rulemaking to consider amendments to its regulations specifying the *Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities.* These regulations are set forth in Title 20, California Code of Regulations, sections 1240 and 3200–3208, and are generally referred to as the RPS POU Regulations. The regulations specify the enforcement procedures the CEC uses to assess POU compliance with California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS). The amendments to the regulations will implement changes in the law under

various legislation, including Senate Bill (SB) 100 (de León, Chapter 312, Statutes of 2018); SB 1110 (Bradford, Chapter 605, Statutes of 2018); SB 1393 (de León, Chapter 677, Statutes of 2016); and SB 350 (de León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015).

California's RPS requires retail sellers and POUs to increase their procurement of eligible renewable energy resources to 60 percent of retail sales by 2030. The RPS is administered by the CEC and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). As part of its responsibilities, the CEC oversees RPS compliance and enforcement of the POUs. The RPS POU Regulations specify the rules and procedures that the CEC uses to assess a POU's procurement actions and determine whether those actions meet the RPS procurement requirements. The CEC initially adopted the RPS POU Regulations on June 12, 2013, and they took effect on October 1, 2013. The CEC subsequently modified them on October 14, 2015, and they took effect on April 12, 2016.

The CEC adopted an Order Instituting Rulemaking proceeding at its January 13, 2016, business meeting to implement SB 350. CEC staff developed initial draft regulatory amendments, including amendments to implement the long-term procurement requirement, and held an initial pre-rulemaking workshop on August 18, 2016. Staff received public comment on the initial draft regulatory amendments, including on the proposed implementation of the long-term procurement requirement. Pre-rulemaking activities were suspended until early 2019. During that period, additional legislation modified the RPS program and the CPUC adopted a decision implementing the long-term procurement requirement for retail sellers that differs in part from the approach proposed in staff's initial draft regulatory amendments. The Lead Commissioner and staff seek additional public input on implementation options for the long-term procurement requirement. To facilitate public input, staff has developed a summary of potential options and proposals after considering prior stakeholder comments, the CPUC's implementation for retail sellers, and additional implementation issues not previously addressed in the initial draft regulatory amendments.

Agenda

During the workshop, CEC staff will present a summary of potential implementation options pertaining to the RPS long-term procurement requirement introduced by SB 350. While a range of additional topics will be addressed in the upcoming rulemaking, the remaining topics for the RPS POU Regulations will be discussed at a future lead commissioner or staff workshop. This workshop will include time for stakeholder discussions and public comment on implementation considerations for the SB 350 long-term procurement requirement, including:

- Implementation options for the long-term procurement requirement.
- Proposed characterization of long-term procurement.
- Proposed early compliance process for the long-term procurement requirement.
- A lightning round with stakeholders to discuss key considerations and priorities for the forthcoming rulemaking.

The final agenda and a staff paper describing issues pertaining to the implementation of the long-term procurement requirement will be posted prior to the workshop at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=16-RPS-03.

Public Comment

Oral comments: Oral comments will be accepted during the workshop. Comments may be limited to five minutes per speaker and one speaker per organization. Any comments may become part of the public record for this proceeding.

Written comments. Written comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by **5:00 p.m.** on **September 24, 2019**. Written comments will also be accepted at the workshop; however, there may not be time to review them before the conclusion of the workshop.

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g. address, phone number, email address) become part of the viewable public record. This information may also become available via any Internet search engine.

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Availability of Documents

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Dated: August 28, 2019, at Sacramento, California

Karen Douglas Lead Commissioner

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