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In the matter of,

2020 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update (2020 IEPR Update)

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

RE: Draft 2020 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update, Volume II on Microgrids

Notice of Availability and Request for Comments Draft 2020 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) Update, Volume II: The Role of Microgrids in California's Clean and Resilient Energy Future, Lessons Learned from the CEC's Research

The California Energy Commission (CEC) seeks public comments on Volume II of the *Draft 2020* Integrated Energy Policy Report Update (Draft 2020 IEPR Update). The Draft 2020 IEPR Update, Volume II: The Role of Microgrids in California's Clean and Resilient Energy Future, Lessons Learned from the CEC's Research is available on the CEC's 2020 IEPR Update web page at https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report/2020-integrated-energypolicy-report-update-0.

The Proposed Final 2020 IEPR Update, Volume I: Blue Skies, Clean Transportation, and Volume III: California Energy Demand Forecast Update, were posted February 25, 2021, and are both available on the same web page. Volume I and Volume III will be considered for adoption at the March 17, 2021, CEC Business Meeting.

The CEC will carefully consider public comments received. Under the direction of Chair David Hochschild, the lead commissioner for Volume II on microgrids, the CEC will propose changes to the report in response to these comments and to reflect market developments. A final version will then be made publicly available prior to the May 12, 2021, business meeting when the CEC anticipates considering adopting Volume II.

Background

Public Resources Code Section 25301 requires the CEC to prepare an IEPR every two years that includes assessments and forecasts of all aspects of energy industry supply, production, transportation, delivery and distribution, demand, and prices. The CEC uses these assessments and forecasts to develop

energy policies that conserve resources, protect the environment, ensure energy reliability, enhance the state's economy, and protect public health and safety.

Senate Bill 1389 (Bowen and Sher, Chapter 568, Statutes of 2002) directs state government entities to use the information and analyses contained in the adopted IEPR to carry out their energy-related duties and responsibilities. The CEC has coordinated closely with other agencies to ensure consistency in the underlying information used to develop this report.

Commissioner Patty Monahan is the lead for Volume I and leads the overall 2020 IEPR Update while Chair David Hochschild is the lead for Volume II, and Commissioner J. Andrew McAllister is the lead for Volume III. Commissioner Monahan issued a scoping order on February 24, 2020, identifying topics to cover in the IEPR. As detailed in the scoping order, the *2020 IEPR Update* is composed of three volumes:

- Volume I: Blue Skies, Clean Transportation, focuses on California's transportation future and the transition to zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs). Volume I is the focus of the 2020 IEPR Update.
- Volume II: The Role of Microgrids in California's Clean and Resilient Energy Future, examines microgrids, lessons learned from a decade of research investments by the CEC, and stakeholder input about the potential of microgrids to contribute to a clean and resilient energy system.
- Volume III: California Energy Demand Forecast Update, provides an update on California's energy demand outlook, updated to reflect the global COVID-19 virus pandemic and to help plan for a growth in zero-emission plug in electric vehicles.

The CEC held 12 workshops between May 2020 and December 2020 on the topics identified in the scoping order. Information from the workshops and public comments were key inputs in developing the *Draft 2020 IEPR Update*. One of the workshops was held over two days, July 7 and July 9, 2020, to address microgrids. All workshop documents, including agendas, background material, transcripts, presentations, and public comments, are available on the CEC's 2020 IEPR Update <u>web page</u> at https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report/2020-integrated-energy-policy-report-update-0.

Public Comment

Written comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by **5:00 p.m. on March 22, 2021.** Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

For written comments, the CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system.

Visit the CEC Electronic Add Comment page or visit

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Availability of Documents

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