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In the matter of,)	Docket No. 11-IEP-1E
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Preparation of the)	NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP
<i>2011 Integrated Energy Policy Report</i>)	
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Staff Workshop on Forms and Instructions for Electric Transmission-related Data

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to solicit comments on proposed forms¹ and instructions for electric transmission-related data for the *2011 Integrated Energy Policy Report (2011 IEPR)*. This work is overseen by the Energy Commission's IEPR Committee, Chairman Karen Douglas, Presiding Member, and Commissioner Jeffrey D. Byron, Associate Member, as well as the Transmission and Regional Planning Committee, Commissioner Jeffrey D. Byron, Presiding Member, and Commissioner Robert B. Weisenmiller, Associate Member. Commissioners may attend and participate in the staff workshop.

Following the workshop, the IEPR and Transmission and Regional Planning Committees will establish the final requirements and schedule for submittal of transmission-related information. The workshop will be held:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2010
1 p.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room B
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

Remote Attendance

Web Conferencing - Presentations and audio from the meeting will be broadcast via our WebEx web conferencing system. For details on how to participate via WebEx, please see the "Participation through WebEx" section at the end of this notice.

¹ Note that "Forms and Instructions" is the overall name for the staff's IEPR data gathering process. For the transmission area, staff is providing instructions, but there are no actual forms involved.

Purpose

This workshop will provide the Energy Commission staff and the public the opportunity to consider a range of perspectives on transmission planning trends. Staff is proposing that all utility owners of bulk electric transmission system facilities file specific data on their bulk transmission network, their most recent transmission expansion plan, updates to their plan, as well as on anticipated transmission corridor needs.

These data will be used both in the development of the *2011 IEPR* required by Public Resources Code (PRC) section 25300 *et seq.* and the *2011 Strategic Transmission Investment Plan (Strategic Plan)* required by PRC 25324.

The staff would also like to provide independent transmission project sponsors the opportunity to showcase their projects by providing information through a voluntary response to these data requests. The Commission cannot require independent transmission developers to respond to these data requests; however, the Commission encourages independent transmission developers to voluntarily supply the information. Information from independent project proponents will allow the Commission to develop a more comprehensive analysis of transmission projects and potential alternatives.

Staff seeks comments, questions, and suggestions on the proposed forms and instructions. The staff-proposed draft set of forms and instructions for collecting data relating to the electric transmission system and possible expansion are posted at [http://www.energy.ca.gov/2011_energypolicy/index.html].

Background

The Energy Commission is directed by PRC Section 25301 to conduct regular assessments of all aspects of energy demand and supply. These assessments serve as the foundation for analyses and policy recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, and other agencies. The broad strategic purposes of these policies are to conserve resources, protect the environment, ensure energy reliability, enhance the state's economy, and protect public health and safety.

To provide regular assessments of expected and needed electricity supplies, "the Commission shall conduct... [an] assessment of the availability, reliability, and efficiency of the electricity and natural gas infrastructure and systems including, but not limited to,...western regional and California electricity and transmission system capacity and use." (PRC section 25303(a)(3).)

In addition, the Energy Commission is directed by PRC section 25324 to "adopt a strategic plan for the state's electric transmission grid." Furthermore, when developing the strategic transmission plan, PRC section 25333 directs the Energy Commission to "confer with cities and counties, federal agencies, and California Native American tribes to identify appropriate areas within their jurisdictions that may be suitable for a transmission corridor zone. The commission shall, to the extent feasible, coordinate efforts to identify long-term transmission needs of the state with the land use plans of cities, counties, federal agencies, and California Native American tribes."

The Energy Commission is preparing these assessments for the *2011 IEPR*. Resource plans submitted by transmission-owning load-serving entities will provide a foundation for the analyses and recommendations of the *2011 IEPR* and the *2011 Strategic Transmission Investment Plan*.

Workshop Participation and Comments

Staff is seeking the active participation of transmission-owning load-serving utilities and other interested parties in this workshop and encourages those parties to present their views either orally at the workshop or through written comments. Staff will take oral comments immediately following the staff presentation at the workshop.

Comments are encouraged before the workshop; final written comments should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on **December 14, 2010**. Comments submitted prior to the workshop will be used to facilitate the discussion. Please include the docket number **“Docket #11-IEP-1E Transmission Planning”** in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document File (PDF) to [docket@energy.state.ca.us]. **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission’s Docket Office at the following address:

California Energy Commission
Docket Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 11-IEP-1E
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Participants may also provide an original and ten copies at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Office and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Public Participation

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Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us]. If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this forum, please contact Mark Hesters at [mhesters@energy.state.ca.us] or (916) 654-5049. For general questions regarding the IEPR proceeding, please contact Lynette Esternon Green, IEPR project manager, by phone at (916) 653-2728 or by e-mail at [lesterno@energy.state.ca.us].

The service list for the 2011 IEPR is handled electronically. Notices and documents for this proceeding are posted to the Energy Commission website at [www.energy.ca.gov/2011_energypolicy/index.html]. When new information is posted, an e-mail is sent to those on the energy policy e-mail list server. We encourage those who are interested in receiving these notices to sign up for the list server through the website [www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html].

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Date: November 10, 2010

Mail Lists: energy policy, transmission, renewable energy transmission initiative

Note: The California Energy Commission's formal name is State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.