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| In the matter of,                           | ) | Docket No. 11-IEP-1N         |
|   | ) |                              |
| Preparation of the                          | ) | STAFF WORKSHOP               |
| <i>2011 Integrated Energy Policy Report</i> | ) | RE: Public Interest Energy   |
| <i>(2011 IEPR)</i>                          | ) | Research Benefits Assessment |
|   |   | Workshop                     |

## Staff Workshop on Public Interest Energy Research Benefits Assessment

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to provide a forum to discuss how the Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) program currently evaluates the benefits resulting from energy research, development, and demonstration (RD&D) projects and to learn from other research organizations about how they approach benefits assessment. The workshop outcome will be a recommendation on a methodology for benefits analysis for future energy research programs to define, assess, and determine the public benefits from PIER RD&D projects. The workshop will bring together benefits analysts and practitioners from state agencies, federal agencies, academia, and other members of the public.

**THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011**

Beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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First Floor, Hearing Room A

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

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## Purpose

The purpose of the PIER Benefits Assessment Workshop is to provide input to the preparation of the *2011 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR)*, which will be based on discussions of the methods related to the PIER Program's ongoing benefits assessments: economic benefits from PIER RD&D, environmental benefits from PIER RD&D, and grid security/reliability benefits.

Also to be discussed will be the attribution of benefits, given that many PIER projects are funded by more than one source often from both the public and private sectors. The impact of benefits assessment related to the intrinsic uncertainty of research outcomes will also be discussed.

## Background

PIER currently collects information about a range of benefits resulting from RD&D projects; captures information about leveraged funds that are applied to RD&D; and has done programmatic evaluations including those related to royalties originating from PIER-funded RD&D. Now PIER is expanding the assessment to incorporate the best practices from other research organizations and to suggest to others benefits assessment approaches to use. Through the discussions in this Workshop, and subsequent activities, PIER will solicit feedback on the benefits assessment methods currently used by PIER and work to refine the methods to make them more robust.

## Written Comments

Written comments on the meeting topics must be submitted by **5 p.m. on June 1, 2011**. Please include the docket number 11-IEP-1N and indicate "PIER Benefits Assessment Workshop" in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments.

**All filings in the IEPR proceeding may now be done electronically.** Please send your comments in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document File (PDF) by electronic mail to [[docket@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:docket@energy.state.ca.us)] or send them on a Compact Disc to:

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A hardcopy original may also be submitted to the Dockets Office during the workshop comment window. All written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Office and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

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If you have questions on the technical subject matter, please contact Jean Baronas, PIER Benefits Group at (916) 327-1312, or by e-mail at [jbaronas@energy.ca.state.us]. For general questions regarding the IEPR proceeding, please contact Lynette Green, IEPR project manager, 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 will be 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: May 5, 2011

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