

# Memorandum

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Subject: **BUSINESS MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2010 – COMMISSION CONSIDERATION  
AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF *RENEWABLES PORTFOLIO STANDARD  
ELIGIBILITY GUIDEBOOK***

## Summary of Item

Senate Bill 1078 (Sher, SB 1078, Chapter 516, Statutes of 2002) directs the Energy Commission to determine eligibility for the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) and to verify RPS-eligible procurement for compliance with the RPS.

The *RPS Eligibility Guidebook* describes the eligibility requirements and process for certifying renewable resources as eligible for California's RPS and describes how the Energy Commission verifies compliance with the RPS.

Proposed changes to the *RPS Eligibility Guidebook* clarify eligibility requirements and the certification process, provide instructions on using the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) for RPS compliance, and incorporate changes in law applicable to the RPS.

On August 20, 2010, the Energy Commission released staff drafts of proposed changes to the *RPS Eligibility Guidebook*. On August 30, 2010, Energy Commission staff held a public workshop to present staff's proposed changes to the guidebook and to solicit public input. Among other agenda items, the workshop addressed clarifying changes to some of the RPS eligibility requirements and implemented recent changes in law. In addition, the workshop provided an opportunity to discuss changes to the application and certification processes, and introduced new instructions for using WREGIS for RPS compliance. Lastly, the workshop provided a venue for Energy Commission staff to solicit public input on issues that are being considered for possible changes in future *RPS Eligibility Guidebook* revisions.

Many entities provided public comments during and following the workshop. Staff carefully considered these comments when preparing the final draft guidebooks.

**Project Manager**

Kate Zocchetti, Renewable Energy Office

**Summary of Staff Position**

Staff recommends the adoption of the *Draft Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook*.

**Oral Presentation**

Staff will be prepared to discuss this recommendation and to respond to questions regarding this item.

**Business Meeting Participants**

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**Commission Action Requested**

Energy Commission staff requests that the Energy Commission approve the adoption of the *Draft Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook, Fourth Edition*.