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In the matter of:)	Docket No. 06-NSHP-1
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The Design of the New Solar Homes Partnership)	NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING
)	RE: Revisions to the New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook
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Notice to Consider Adoption of Revisions to the *New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook*

As part of the July 8, 2015, Business Meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adopting revisions to the *New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook (NSHP Guidebook)* as proposed in the *NSHP Lead Commissioner Draft Guidebook, Ninth Edition*.

The Energy Commission will conduct a Business meeting on:

WEDNESDAY, July 8, 2015
10 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room
Sacramento, California
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The *NSHP Guidebook* describes the requirements for participating in the NSHP and receiving incentives for installing eligible solar energy systems on new residential construction located in specified investor-owned utility territories.

Staff, with input and guidance from NSHP Lead Commissioner David Hochschild, is recommending the following revisions to the *NSHP Guidebook*:

- Clarify that the NSHP will accept reservation applications until program funding is no longer available and the legislative goals of the program have been met.
- Clarify the metering requirements for a project.

- Revise and clarify documentation required for affordable housing projects' system owner tax-exempt status and regulatory agreements.
- Revise the required options to be provided at the end of the initial term of lease agreements and power purchase agreements (PPAs).
- Revise requirements for lease agreements and PPAs when the NSHP incentive will be paid directly to the lessee or end-use customer.
- Require that HERS field verifications of solar energy systems in new housing developments follow the sample testing requirements described in the *Building Energy Efficiency Standards* under which the project was permitted, with certain exceptions.
- Provide qualifying projects either 3 months or 90 calendar days, whichever is later, after the project reservation expiration date to submit the required supporting documentation for a complete payment claim package.
- Revise the process for requesting additional project funding beyond the original reserved amount for projects with single and multiple solar energy systems.
- Allow applicants with projects with a payment claim that has not yet been approved to request that the project be subject to the reservation criteria and processes identified in this *NSHP Guidebook, Ninth Edition*.
- Clarify that projects with payment claims that have not yet been approved may be subject to the payment claim criteria and processes identified in this *NSHP Guidebook, Ninth Edition*.
- Minor revisions to the NSHP-1 (Reservation Application Form), NSHP-2 (Payment Claim Form), and the NSHP-3 (Ten Year Warranty Form).
- Other minor corrections and clarifying changes.

The proposed changes are shown in underline/strikeout. Minor formatting changes were also made in the *NSHP Lead Commissioner Draft Guidebook, Ninth Edition* but are not shown in underline/strikeout.

A draft that includes the proposed revisions will be available on the Energy Commission's website at:

www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/06-NSHP-1/documents/index.html

Background

The NSHP is part of a comprehensive statewide solar program known as the California Solar Initiative. The NSHP provides financial incentives to encourage the installation of eligible solar energy systems on new residential construction located in specified investor-owned utility territories. The NSHP seeks to achieve 360 megawatts of distributed solar photovoltaic electric capacity by the end of 2016.

Since the program began in 2007, Energy Commission staff has received many comments from stakeholders to streamline the program. Staff has considered, and as

appropriate, incorporated the stakeholder comments. These changes are reflected in the *NSHP Lead Commissioner Draft Guidebook, Ninth Edition*.

Public Comment

Oral comments: The Commission will accept oral comments during the meeting. Comments may be limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Written comments: Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by 4:00 p.m. on July 3, 2015. Written comments also will be accepted at the meeting, however, the Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the meeting. For additional information, see Standing Order re: Proceedings and Confidentiality Procedural Requirements for Filing, Service, and Docketing Documents with the Energy Commission, available at: www.energy.ca.gov/commission/chief_counsel/docket.html.

Additionally, written comments may be posted to the Energy Commission's website for the proceeding. Please note that your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the viewable public record. This information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name and any organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please include the docket number 06-NSHP-1 and indicate "*New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook*" in the subject line. Send comments to docket@energy.ca.gov and Brett.Arriaga@energy.ca.gov to ensure that staff receive a copy.

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

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Availability of Documents on This Matter

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