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In the matter of:)	
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Developing Regulations and Guidelines)	Docket No. 11-RPS-01
for the 33 Percent Renewables Portfolio)	
Standard)	Docket No. 02-REN-1038
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and)	REVISED NOTICE OF STAFF
)	WORKSHOP
Implementation of Renewables)	RE: Guideline Revisions for
Investment Plan Legislation)	RPS Implementation and
)	Renewable Energy Program
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**Staff Workshop on the Proposed Changes to the
Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook
and the Overall Program Guidebook for the
Renewable Energy Program**

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to solicit public comments on proposed changes to the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook (RPS Guidebook)* and the *Overall Program Guidebook for the Renewable Energy Program (Overall Guidebook)*. Energy Commission commissioners may attend the staff workshop.

October 21, 2011
Beginning at 9 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

Remote Attendance and Availability of Documents

Internet Webcast - Presentations and audio from the workshop will be broadcast via the Energy Commission's WebEx web meeting service. For details on how to participate via WebEx, please see the "Remote Attendance" section toward the end of this notice. Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available online at:

www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/index.html

Purpose

The purpose of the staff workshop is to solicit comments from interested parties on the proposed changes to the *RPS Guidebook* and the *Overall Guidebook*.

The *RPS 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. The *Overall Guidebook* describes specific aspects of how the Renewable Energy Program is administered. Proposed changes to the *RPS Guidebook* clarify eligibility requirements and implement certain provisions of Senate Bill X1-2.¹ Proposed changes to the *Overall Guidebook* revise and update various definitions applicable to the RPS. Summaries of proposed changes to these guidebooks are provided in Attachment A to the initial notice for this workshop, which was previously scheduled for October 7, 2011.

In addition to comments on the proposed changes to the guidebooks, staff is seeking public input on additional issues under consideration for inclusion in the *RPS Guidebook*. To frame and guide public input on these issues, staff requests parties to respond to specific questions, which are provided in Attachment B to the initial notice for the workshop previously scheduled for October 7, regarding the following topics:

- Implementation of Assembly Bill 1954,² specifically changes to the Public Utilities Code 399.12(e)(3)(A);
- Possible revisions to the repowering requirements;
- The pre-certification process and the benefits of pre-certification to industry participants.

The draft guidebooks, with staff's proposed changes shown in underline/strikeout format, will be available in advance on the Energy Commission's Website at:

www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/index.html

Background

Renewable Energy Program guidebooks are revised periodically to reflect statutory, market, and regulatory developments and to respond to lessons learned through implementing the program. Staff will consider all public comments on the proposed changes to the *RPS Guidebook* and the *Overall Program Guidebook*, make any needed revisions, and then propose that the Energy Commission adopt final draft guidebooks with any revisions at a regularly scheduled business meeting. Public Resources Code Section 25747 authorizes the Energy Commission to approve substantive changes to

¹ SB X1-2 (Chapter 1, Statutes of 2011, First Extraordinary Session). SB X1-2 amends pertinent provisions in Public Resources Code Sections 25740 through 25751, and amends and/ or adds Public Utilities Code Sections 399.11 through 399.31.

² AB 1954 (Chapter 460, Statutes of 2010). AB 1954 amends Sections 399.2.5 and 399.12 of the Public Utilities Code.

the guidebooks upon providing ten days public notice. Changes take effect once approved at a publicly noticed meeting.

Written Comments

Written comments on the workshop topics must be submitted in hard copy by 5:00 p.m. on November 2, 2011. Please include the docket numbers 02-REN-1038 and 11-RPS-01 and indicate *RPS Proceeding* in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand deliver or mail an original copy to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 11-RPS-01
and
Docket No. 02-REN-1038
RPS Proceeding
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission also encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization's name 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 (PDF) to [docket@energy.state.ca.us]. **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit.

Participants may also provide an original document and 10 copies of their comments at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials relating to this workshop must be filed with the Dockets Unit and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at [PublicAdviser@energy.state.ca.us]. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

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 meeting, please contact Kate Zocchetti, RPS Unit Supervisor, at (916) 653-4710 or by e-mail at [kzocchet@energy.state.ca.us].

Remote Attendance

You can participate in this meeting through WebEx, the Energy Commission's online meeting service. Presentations will appear on your computer screen, and you listen to the audio via your telephone. Please be aware that the meeting's WebEx audio and on-screen activity may be recorded.

Computer Log-on with Telephone Audio:

1. Please go to <https://energy.webex.com> and enter the unique meeting number: 924 725 276
2. When prompted, enter your name and other information as directed and the meeting password: meeting@9
3. After you log-in, a prompt will ask for your phone number. If you wish to have WebEx call you back, enter your phone number. This will add your name on the WebEx log so that we know who is connected and have a record of you participating by WebEx. If you do not wish to do that, click cancel, and go to step 4. Or, if your company uses an older switchboard-type phone system where your line is an extension, click cancel and go to step 4.
4. If you didn't want WebEx to call you back, then call 1-866-469-3239 (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada). When prompted, enter the meeting number above and your unique Attendee ID number, which is listed in the top left area of your screen after you login via computer. International callers can dial in using the "Show all global call-in numbers" link (also in the top left area).

Telephone Only (No Computer Access):

1. Call 1-866-469-3239 (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada) and when prompted enter the unique meeting number above. International callers can select their number from <https://energy.webex.com/energy/globalcallin.php>

If you have difficulty joining the meeting, please call the WebEx Technical Support number at 1-866-229-3239.

The service list for revisions to the *Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook* and *Overall Program Guidebook* is handled electronically. Parties interested in receiving these notices may sign up for the "renewable" list server through the website www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html. Scroll down the Renewable Energy Lists and select the "renewable" list to receive electronic information via your e-mail address.

Date: October 4, 2011

Electronic Mail List: renewable