

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

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In the matter of:	)	Docket No. 14-RPS-01
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Amendments to Regulations Specifying	)	STAFF WORKSHOP
Enforcement Procedures for the	)	RE: Enforcement Procedures for
Renewables Portfolio Standard for	)	the Renewables Portfolio Standard
Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities	)	for Publicly Owned Electric Utilities

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## Notice of Staff Workshop

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to discuss proposed Pre-Rulemaking Draft Amendments to *Regulations for Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities (Regulations)*<sup>1</sup> and to solicit stakeholder comment. An attachment to this notice will be posted before the workshop summarizing the topics about which staff plans to propose amendments and presenting specific questions and related issues for stakeholder consideration.

**July 11, 2014**

Beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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First Floor, Hearing Room A

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### Background

The Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) was established by Senate Bill 1078 (Sher, Chapter 516, Statutes of 2002), effective January 1, 2003, with revisions to the law following as a result of Senate Bill 1250 (Perata, Chapter 512, Statutes of 2006), Senate Bill 107 (Simitian, Chapter 464, Statutes of 2006), and Senate Bill X1 2 (Simitian, Chapter 1, Statutes of 2011, First Extraordinary Session). The law requires retail sellers

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<sup>1</sup> California Code of Regulations, Title 20, Division 2, Chapter 13, Sections 3200 - 3208 and Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 1240.

of electricity and local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs) to increase the amount of renewable energy they procure until 33 percent of their retail sales are served with renewable energy by December 31, 2020 and annually thereafter. Under the law, the Energy Commission is required to certify eligible renewable energy resources that may be used by retail sellers of electricity and POUs to satisfy their RPS procurement requirements, develop an accounting system to verify retail sellers' and POUs' compliance with the RPS, and adopt regulations specifying procedures for enforcement of the RPS for the POUs. The Energy Commission adopted the regulations in June 2013, and they became effective October 1, 2013. The regulations are available on the Energy Commission's website at:

[www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/pou\\_rulemaking/](http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/pou_rulemaking/)

In October 2013, the passage of Senate Bill 591 (Canella, Chapter 520, Statutes of 2013) amended Section 399.30 of the Public Utilities Code related to the RPS for POUs. SB 591 provides that a POU is not required to procure additional eligible renewable energy resources in excess of specified levels if it receives 50 percent or greater of its annual retail sales from its own hydroelectric generation meeting specified requirements. To implement SB 591 and amend its regulations for POUs, the Energy Commission adopted an Order Instituting Rulemaking at its March 12, 2014 Business Meeting (see [www.energy.ca.gov/business\\_meetings/2014\\_packets/2014-03-12/Item\\_01\\_OIR\\_RPS\\_Regulations\\_Amendments.pdf](http://www.energy.ca.gov/business_meetings/2014_packets/2014-03-12/Item_01_OIR_RPS_Regulations_Amendments.pdf)).

In addition to implementing SB 591, staff plans to propose other revisions to the regulations to address a limited set of additional issues that have been identified since the Energy Commission adopted the regulations in June 2013. These issues include the following:

- Portfolio Content Category for POU-Owned or Procured DG Systems
- Definition of "Retail sales"
- Definition of "Resale"
- Contract Amendments and Excess Procurement
- Dynamic Transfer Agreements

The Energy Commission will summarize these topics and related issues and provide specific questions for stakeholder comment in Attachment A to this notice, which will be posted before the workshop on the Energy Commission's website at:

[www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/pou\\_rulemaking/2014-RPS-01/](http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/pou_rulemaking/2014-RPS-01/)

## **Public Comment**

Oral comments. Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments may 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 28, 2014**. Written comments will be also accepted at the workshop; 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](http://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 14-RPS-01 and indicate *Amendments to Regulations Specifying Enforcement Procedures for the RPS for POUs* in the subject line.

Send comments to:

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

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Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available online at:

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