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Notice of Staff Workshop Publicly Owned Utilities

Senate Bill 1 Guidelines and Power Source Disclosure Program Draft Regulations

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop with the publicly owned utilities (POUs) to discuss Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Guidelines, and the renewable reporting requirements mandated by Senate Bill 107 (Renewables Portfolio Standards), Senate Bill 1305 (Power Source Disclosure) and Assembly Bill 162 (Power Content Label). Staff will also discuss the draft regulations for the Power Source Disclosure Program, and the proposed consolidated form for annual POU reporting to the Energy Commission. Draft copies of both of these documents will be made available at the workshop.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2010

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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First Floor, Hearing Room B

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(Wheelchair Accessible)

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Purpose

Staff will provide representatives from the publicly owned utilities an overview of the current SB 1 guidelines and annual reporting requirements, and will discuss possible additions/changes to the SB 1 guidelines.

Staff will also provide an overview of proposed draft regulations for the Power Source Disclosure Program to interested parties in order to seek stakeholder input on the

proposed changes. After the workshop, staff plans to reconcile issues/possible alternatives raised through written and oral comments, and will incorporate those changes in the regulations before the formal rulemaking begins.

Staff will additionally solicit any comments or suggestions about reporting consolidation efforts, and the reporting spreadsheet proposed by the Energy Commission's Renewable Energy Office.

Background – Senate Bill 1

Senate Bill 1 (Murray, Chapter 132, Statutes of 2006) is the culmination of the Governor's Million Solar Roofs Initiative, which includes the California Solar Initiative and the New Solar Homes Partnership program. This legislation requires the Energy Commission to establish eligibility criteria, conditions for incentives, and rating standards to qualify for ratepayer-funded incentives provided by the Energy Commission, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and publicly owned electric utilities (POUs).

The Energy Commission established minimum guidelines to implement California's solar energy system incentive programs. The solar energy system incentive program administrators were required to incorporate the requirements in the guidelines as part of their respective program guidebooks or handbooks.

The *Guidelines for California's Solar Electric Incentive Programs (Senate Bill 1)* Third Edition (June 2010, Energy Commission Publication No. CEC-300-2010-004-CMF) located at: www.energy.ca.gov/2010publications/CEC-300-2010-004/CEC-300-2010-004-CMF.PDF covers these topics:

- Program and legislative background, and basis for guidelines.
- Schedule for implementing these guidelines.
- Solar equipment component requirements.
- System design and installation requirements.
- Energy Efficiency requirements.
- Reporting requirements for California publicly owned electric utilities.

Solar energy system incentive programs funded by California electricity ratepayers must meet the requirements directed in the guidelines.

Staff will be providing an overview of the guidelines, as well as reviewing SB 1 annual reporting requirements.

Background – Power Source Disclosure Program

Senate Bill 1305¹ requires retail electricity providers to disclose quarterly and annual fuel mix information to retail customers in the form of Power Content Labels. All retail suppliers who provide electricity to California customers must include a Power Content Label in promotional materials and in quarterly submittals to their customers. The Power Content Label identifies the mix of electricity fuel and technology types of the retail suppliers' own source of power, and also includes a column listing net system power data as a representation of California's power mix. Net system power is the fuel mix of all the power consumed in California minus the power that is specifically identified by retail suppliers as provided to their customers. Retail suppliers who make claims about the environmental, fuel or technology characteristics of their power must disclose their actual mix to customers; those who do not make claims may identify their source as net system power.

During the past few years, retail suppliers who provide renewable power have claimed larger amounts of specific purchases, with the result that net system power now contains a very low level of renewable energy. Using net system power on the current label creates the impression that net system power reflects the state's overall level of renewable procurement, which is not the case.

On October 11, 2009, AB 162 (Ruskin) was signed by the Governor and chaptered into law. This legislation makes a number of changes to the Power Source Disclosure Program. It removes the requirement that retail suppliers provide net system power on customer disclosures, and instead requires retail suppliers to disclose total California system electricity, which is the sum of all in-state generation and net electricity imports, designated by fuel type, and is a more accurate representation of California's power mix. The legislation also coordinates the Power Source Disclosure Program with the Renewables Portfolio Standard Program, and amends reporting requirements.

An Order Instituting Rulemaking to modify the existing regulations for the Power Source Disclosure Program was adopted at the July 28, 2010 Business Meeting. Staff has drafted regulations to reflect the changes that AB 162 mandates, and will present the draft regulations to the public for initial review and comment.

Written Comments

Comments on the proposed POU reporting form can be sent directly to Lorraine Gonzalez at [lgonzale@energy.state.ca.us].

Comments on the SB 1 Guidelines can be sent directly to Sherrill Neidich at [sneidich@energy.state.ca.us].

¹ SB 1305, Sher, Chapter 796, Statutes of 1997.

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If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this meeting, please call Sherrill Neidich, Senate Bill 1 Program Lead at (916) 651-1463, or by email at [sneidich@energy.state.ca.us]. You can also contact Lorraine Gonzalez regarding the Power Source Disclosure Program regulations and reporting forms at (916) 654-3842, or by email at [lgonzale@energy.state.ca.us].

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