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California Energy Commission

Existing Renewable Facilities Program Proposed Guidebook Changes

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Workshop Agenda

- Background Information
- Summary of Award Decision Process
- Proposed Changes to Funding Award Application
- Other Changes
- Stakeholder Input
- Public Comments



Background Information

Public Resources Code Section 25742 (e) requires the Energy Commission to evaluate the following information for each facility requesting an award:

- The cumulative amount of funds the facility has previously received from the Energy Commission and other state sources.
- The value of any past and current federal or state tax credits.
- The facility's contract price for energy and capacity.
- The market value of the facility.
- An estimate of the incentive payment needed (in cents/kWh) above the energy payments the facility will receive during the calendar year the applicant is applying for. Also an explanation of why this incentive level is needed.
- An explanation of how the incentive payments from the Existing Renewable Facilities Program will allow the facility to become cost-competitive by the end of the 2011.



Background Information cont.

- The Existing Renewable Facilities Program (ERFP) seeks to secure for California the environmental, economic, and reliability benefits these facilities provide by continuing to operate.
- The *ERFP Guidebook (4th Ed.)*, adopted on March 14, 2007, incorporated changes from SB 1250.



Summary of Award Decision Process

- Staff reviews applications on a facility by facility basis (additional information may be requested).
- Staff recommendations are taken to the Renewables Committee for approval.
- Applicant will be informed in writing of the Renewables Committee's decision.
- The Renewables Committee's decision will be submitted to the full Energy Commission for approval at a Business Meeting.
- Applicant may request reconsideration from the Renewables Committee and appeal the decision, as specified in the *Overall Program Guidebook*.



Proposed Changes to Funding Award Application

Facilities would be required to provide the following:

- Estimate of Facility's annual generation (kWh) and capacity factor.
- Description of exact use and detailed allocation of funds requested.
- Explanation of any deviation between the previous calendar year's estimates of additional generation and actual generation.
- Description of how funds will be used to help increase capacity factor and generation and to mitigate foreseen future risks to self-sustainability.



Other Changes

- Change in funding allocation (SB 1036)
 - Reduces funds collected by the Renewable Resources Trust Fund by 51 percent
 - SB 1036 revises the ERFP's allocation of funds from 10 percent to 20 percent. (Estimated ERFP allocation in 2008 is \$14.4 million)
- Conforming changes to forms and draft Funding Award Notice



Stakeholder Input Requested

- Comments on the proposed *Guidebook* changes, award decision process, and proposed changes to the funding award application.
- Suggestions for quantitative measurements used for evaluation of individual facilities.
- Suggestions for how biomass facilities and their fuel suppliers can accurately attest that the fuel procured for each facility conforms to the restrictions imposed by SB 1250.



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