

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE  
HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY SPONSORED PROGRAM  
FOUNDATIONS PROJECT  
“DEMONSTRATING A SECURE, RELIABLE, LOW-CARBON  
COMMUNITY MICROGRID AT THE BLUE LAKE  
RANCHERIA” (EPC-14-054)**

**Project:**

Grant EPC-14-054 for \$5,000,000.00 to Humboldt State University Sponsored Programs Foundation, proposed under solicitation PON-14-301 of the Electric Program Investment Charge. The grant will be used to develop a microgrid at the Blue Lake Rancheria facility located in Humboldt County.

**Project Location:**

428 Chartin Road Road, Blue Lake (Humboldt County), California 95525.

**Lead Agency:**

California Energy Commission  
Siting, Transmission and Environmental Protection Division  
1516 Ninth Street, MS-15  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Public Review Period:**

- May 7, 2015: Beginning of public review and comment period
- June 8, 2015: Last day of public review and comment period
- June 10, 2015: Commission decision at a regularly scheduled public Business Meeting, beginning at 10:00 AM in Hearing Room A, 1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814

**Availability of Documents:**

The Energy Commission Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration are available at the following locations:

- Online, at [www.energy.ca.gov/research/epic/environmental\\_review\\_documents.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/research/epic/environmental_review_documents.html)
- At the California Energy Commission Library, located at 1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM
- At the Blue Lake Rancheria Library, located at 428 Chartin Road Road, Blue Lake (Humboldt County), California 95525, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM

**Brief Project Description:**

California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff proposes that the Energy Commission enter into a \$5 million Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) grant agreement with the Schatz Energy Research Center of the Humboldt State University Sponsored Programs Foundation to build a microgrid at the Blue Lake Rancheria (BLR) at 428 Chartin Road, Blue Lake, CA 95525. BLR is a federally recognized Native-American Tribe located in Blue Lake, Humboldt County, California. The project would be constructed on land that is self-governed by BLR and is subject to BLR's Tribal Ordinance, including environmental review.

**Findings:**

As described in the Initial Study, Energy Commission staff determines that the proposed project could not have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, staff has prepared and recommends that the Energy Commission adopt the Negative Declaration for this project.

**Public Comment:**

This Notice of Intent has been posted on site, in three locations, at 428 Chartin Road, Blue Lake, California 95525 and off site at the Blue Lake Post Office, 411 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Blue Lake, CA 95525, and at the County of Humboldt Clerk-Recorder, 825 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Eureka, California 95501.

*Oral Comments*

The Commission will accept oral comments during the June 10, 2015 Business Meeting. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments will become part of the public record.

*Written Comments*

Written comments are accepted during the public review period stated above. Please submit written comments to the Energy Commission by 1:00 p.m. on June 8, 2015. All written comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding. Additionally, written comments may be posted to the Energy Commission's website.

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 grant number EPC-14-054 and indicate "Humboldt State Sponsored Programs Foundation – Negative Declaration" in the subject line. Send comments to:

[ [eli.harland@energy.ca.gov](mailto:eli.harland@energy.ca.gov) ]

EPC-14-054 Humboldt State University Sponsored Programs Foundation  
Notice of Intent to File a Negative Declaration

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

California Energy Commission  
Energy Research and Development Division  
Attention: Eli Harland  
Re: EPC-14-054 Humboldt State Sponsored Programs Foundation –Negative  
Declaration  
1516 Ninth Street, MS-43  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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Media inquiries should be sent to the Media and Public Communications Office at [mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov) or (916) 654-4989.

If you have questions on the subject matter of this proceeding, please contact Eli Harland at [eli.harland@energy.ca.gov](mailto:eli.harland@energy.ca.gov) or (916) 327-1463.

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