

**Defining the Pathway to the California Smart Grid of 2020**  
**CEC Workshop on**  
**Request for Proposals (RFP) Contracting Opportunity Notice (CON)**  
August 5, 2008

**California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Comments**

**Summary**

**I. Coordination of the Timing of the CEC project & CPUC's SG OIR**

- A. CEC's project results – 6 months instead of 9 months (by summer of 2009)
  - Define the RFP tasks with separate deliverables
- B. Reasons for the earlier deliverable
  - 1. Federal and State mandates
    - EISA - state consideration/ proceeding by 12/08
    - Pending SB 1438 - may require CPUC adoption of new standards by 7/2010
  - 2. CPUC's upcoming Smart Grid Rulemaking (OIR)
    - Preliminary schedule – Final Decision by 12/09

**II. Project Objectives**

- A. Consumer Value Focus
  - 1. The project should incorporate customer experience and usage oriented view on how a smart grid can enable customers to take control of their energy usage and costs.
  - 2. The customer oriented view can be developed through either
    - Utilities' and/or Vendors' team or
    - University/Consumer Research team

**III. CPUC Comments on the Listed Issues in CEC's August 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop Notice**

- A. CPUC agrees that as the top item on the RFP, the key Smart Grid drivers should include CA's top energy policy goals, such as climate change, energy efficiency, demand response, renewable energy, transportation fuel supply and infrastructure.
- B. Should gas and water industries be included in this project?