I. Introduction

The Energy Commission is required to adopt the Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) every two years and updates on alternate years. (Pub. Resources Code, sections 25301, 25302.) The IEPR contains an overview of major energy trends and issues facing the state, as well as a number of detailed assessments of energy supply and demand, energy reliability, efficiency, and other energy issues affecting the state’s economy, public health and safety, and environment. The IEPR requires participation of and coordination with a broad array of public and private stakeholders, including utilities, public agencies, marketers, producers, generators, importers and exporters, and others, many of whom submit detailed information to support the Energy Commission’s analytical efforts. Development of the IEPR is a public process, and numerous workshops and other opportunities for public participation are provided throughout the year-long proceeding. All IEPR events are publically noticed, and the Energy Commission maintains a docket of all submissions in the proceeding, which serve as the basis for the recommendations contained in the final IEPR.

II. Scope

Determining the scope of the IEPR begins with an examination of the applicable statutory provisions, found in Pub. Resources Code section 25301et seq. On March 20, 2018, the 2018 Lead Commissioner, Commissioner Hochschild, issued a Scoping Order identifying the topics that will be examined in the 2018 IEPR Update.
The 2018 IEPR Update will be developed in two volumes. The first volume will be a succinct, high-level summary of the innovative energy policies implemented in recent years, highlighting the role these policies have played in establishing California’s leadership in building a clean energy future. It will emphasize graphic displays of California’s successes to date and will not include extensive new information.

The second volume will provide a more detailed follow up of several energy issues examined in the 2017 IEPR and will encompass new analytical work as well as significant opportunities for public participation. Topics in second volume include energy reliability in southern California, energy demand forecast update, climate adaptation and resiliency, integrating renewable energy, doubling energy efficiency savings, energy equity, and decarbonizing buildings.

III. Hearings and Workshops

The Lead Commissioner will issue notices at least ten days in advance of any hearings and workshops and will identify at that time when written comments and/or testimony will be due, as well as the manner of the filing. Public comment will be allowed at all workshops and hearings.

IV. Informational Proceeding

Pursuant to Pub. Resources Code section 25210 and Cal.Code Regs, tit. 20, section 1220, informational proceedings allow the Energy Commission to hold hearings and take other actions to gather and assess information needed to assist it in formulating policies. Instituting an Informational Proceeding with the adoption of this Order ensures that the 2017 IEPR Lead Commissioner, who will be responsible for overseeing the preparation of the 2017 IEPR, can collect the information needed to complete the required analyses and assessments.

V. Participation

The Energy Commission’s Public Adviser’s Office provides the public with assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact the Public Adviser, Alana Mathews, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at PublicAdviser@energy.ca.gov.

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Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

If you have questions about the subject matter of this Order, please contact Heather Raitt, Assistant Executive Director for Policy Development at (916) 654-4735, or by e-mail at Heather.Raitt@energy.ca.gov.
The Energy Commission therefore institutes an Informational Proceeding and directs the Executive Director and staff to gather and assess the information needed to prepare the 2018 IEPR Update consistent with the scope identified in section II above, under guidance of the Lead Commissioner.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the Energy Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on April 11, 2018.

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NAY:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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Cody Goldthrite
Secretariat