

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Public Utilities Code Section 9621 requires specified local publicly owned electric utilities to adopt integrated resource plans at least once every five years and submit them to the California Energy Commission; and

WHEREAS, Public Utilities Code Section 9622 requires the California Energy Commission to review the local publicly owned electric utilities' integrated resource plans for consistency with the requirements of Section 9621, and to provide recommendations to correct deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, Public Utilities Code Section 9622 authorizes the California Energy Commission to develop guidelines to govern the submission of information and data and reports needed to support the Commission's review of local publicly owned electric utilities' integrated resource plans; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission staff, with guidance and input from Lead Commissioner Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller, have proposed guidelines to govern the submission of information and data and reports needed to support the Commission's review of integrated resource plans; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2017, the California Energy Commission publicly noticed staff's proposed *Publicly Owned Utility Integrated Resource Plan Submission and Review Guidelines*, and offered stakeholders and interested members of the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the adoption of the *Publicly Owned Utility Integrated Resource Plan Submission and Review Guidelines* and finds that the adoption of these guidelines is not subject to CEQA under CEQA Guidelines sections 15061 and 15378. Adoption of the *Publicly Owned Utility Integrated Resource Plan Submission and Review Guidelines* is not a "project" subject to CEQA pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15378 (b)(2) and (5), in that it deals with general policy and procedural activities or organizational and administrative activities and does

not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. Adoption of the guidelines also falls within the so-called “common sense” exemption pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15061(b)(3), which indicates that CEQA only applies to projects that have a “significant effect on the environment” as defined in Public Resources Code section 21068 and in Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15382, as being a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in the environment; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission has considered staff’s proposed *Publicly Owned Utility Integrated Resource Plan Submission and Review Guidelines*, as reflected in the public notice of July 7, 2017 and accepts and approves these guidelines for the purpose of receiving and reviewing integrated resource plans; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Energy Commission hereby adopts staff’s proposed guidelines, as set forth in the *Publicly Owned Utility Integrated Resource Plan Submission and Review Guidelines*, and authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to administer the receipt and review of integrated resource plans as specified in the guidelines.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on August 9, 2017.

AYE: Weisenmiller, Douglas, McAllister, Hochschild, Scott

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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Secretariat