I. Introduction

The California Energy Commission is required to adopt the Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) every two years. 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 from, and coordination with an 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, including workshops and opportunities for public participation that are provided throughout the year-long proceeding. All IEPR events are publically noticed, and a docket of all submissions in the proceedings is maintained, which serves as the basis for the recommendations in the final IEPR.

II. Scope

Determining the scope of the IEPR begins with review of the applicable statutory provisions, found in Public Resources Code section 25301 et seq. On March 20, 2019, the 2019 IEPR lead commissioner, Vice Chair Janea A. Scott, issued a scoping order identifying the topics that will be examined in the 2019 IEPR. In addition to analyses specifically required by statute, the 2019 IEPR will address:

- Advancement of the zero-emission vehicle market and infrastructure.
- The status of implementing the recommendations developed in in the Low Income Barriers Study Part A: Overcoming Barriers to Energy Efficiency and Renewables for Low-Income Customers and Small Business Contracting Opportunities in Disadvantaged Communities and the Low Income Barriers Study Part B: Overcoming Barriers to Clean Transportation Access for Low-Income Residents.
- Advancements in energy efficiency and building decarbonization.

1 Public Resources Code, sections 25301, 25302.
• Developments in the electricity sector, including those needed to support California’s 2030 goals for GHG reductions, zero-emission vehicles, and a 60 percent Renewables Portfolio Standard.
• The status of energy reliability in Southern California.
• Efforts to increase the resiliency of California’s energy system to climate change.

III. Hearings and Workshops
The first hearing following adoption of this order will occur on May 23, 2019, in Diamond Bar at the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Additional workshops will be held and separately noticed. The lead commissioner will issue notices at least ten days in advance of workshops, and will identify at that time when written comments and testimony will be due, as well as the manner of the filing.

IV. Informational Proceeding
Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25210 and California Code of Regulations, Title 20, section 1220, informational proceedings allow the Energy Commission to hold workshops and take other actions to gather and assess information needed to assist with formulation of policy. Instituting an informational proceeding with the adoption of this order ensures that the 2019 IEPR lead commissioner, who will be responsible for overseeing the preparation of the 2019 IEPR, can collect the information needed to complete the required analyses and assessments.

V. Participation
There will be opportunities for providing written comments before and during these workshops, the details of which will be specified in the notice issued for each workshop. In general, the following instructions will apply, but may be modified in the workshop notice:

For the 2019 IEPR, the Energy Commission is using an electronic commenting system. Visit the website at http://www.energy.ca.gov/2019_energypolicy/ and click on the “Submit e-Comment” link in the “Proceeding Information” box. From the drop down menu, please select the appropriate docket (there are currently 9 separate dockets for the 2019 IEPR and more may be added as needed). This will take you to the page for adding comments to that docket. Please enter your contact information and comment title. Select the appropriate IEPR workshop date and “IEPR public comments” under “subject(s).” You may include comments in the box titled “Comment Text” or attach a file with your comments. Attached comments must be in a Microsoft® Word (.doc, .docx) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf) formatted file. The Energy Commission encourages use of its electronic commenting system, but written comments may also be submitted by emailing them to the Dockets Office, or by U.S. Mail to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Unit, MS-4
Re: Docket No. [insert appropriate docket here]
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

If you choose not to use the electronic filing system, please include the appropriate docket number on any emailed or written comments. Comments may alternatively be emailed to

2 For the purposes of this proceeding, the Energy Commission uses the terms “hearing” and “workshop” interchangeably.
docket@energy.ca.gov, with the appropriate docket number provided in the subject line. Please note that your electronic, emailed, written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (for example, address, phone number, and email address) become part of the viewable public record. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and other search engines.

Any person may make oral comments on the subject of the proceeding at the workshop; the notice for each workshop will identify further details and any limitations surrounding the provision of such comments. The lead commissioner may also require the presence and participation of certain persons, consistent with the nature and purpose of the proceeding.

The Energy Commission’s Public Adviser’s Office provides the public with assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. For information on participating in this proceeding, please contact the Acting Public Adviser, Jennifer Martin-Gallardo, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Yolanda Rushin at yolanda.rushin@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4310 at least five days in advance.

Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989 or 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 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 2019 IEPR 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 ________________.

AYE:
NAY:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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Cody Goldthrite
Secretariat
California Energy Commission