#### **CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Quarterly Fuel and Energy Report (QFER) Data Submission Portal NOTICE OF REMOTE ACCESS WORKSHOP

RE: New Quarterly Fuel and Energy Report (QFER) Submission Process

# Notice of Workshop on New Quarterly Fuel and Energy Report (QFER) Data Submission Portal

June 24, 2025

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Remote Access Only via Zoom<sup>™</sup> https://zoom.us/,

Meeting ID: 893 8246 4177 and Meeting passcode: 046362

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a workshop to introduce Quarterly Fuel and Energy Report (QFER) Consumption submitters and interested members of the public to a new Data Submission Portal (DSP) system. The DSP is replacing the email-based data submission process to QFERCOM@energy.ca.gov, which will end in August 2025.

The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted. The end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

### **Agenda**

The workshop will introduce and provide an overview of the DSP, explain key differences compared to the old system of emailing QFER Consumption data to QFERCOM@energy.ca.gov, provide specifics on new formatting requirements, and explain/demonstrate some notable changes to validations. This workshop will highlight best practices for successful data submission using the DSP and will direct QFER Consumption submitters to resources for help, such as the user guide and specific CEC staff contacts. There will also be an opportunity for public comment.

## **Background**

Consumption-side QFER regulations include data under the California Code of Regulations, Title 20, sections 1306, 1307, and 1308. These forms include **CEC-1306A Schedule 1-**- Utility Distribution Company (UDC) Electricity Sales/Deliveries Quarterly Report, **CEC-1306A Schedule 2-**- UDC Retail Rate Description Quarterly Report, **CEC-1306A Schedule 3-**- Quarterly UDC Report of Retailers, **CEC-1306B**—Load Serving Entity (LSE) Quarterly Report, **CEC-1308B Schedule 1-**- Gas Utility Deliveries and Revenue Quarterly Report, **CEC-1308B Schedule 2-**- Gas Utility Report of Retailers Quarterly Report, and **CEC-1308C-**- Gas Retailer Quarterly Report.

Data collected under QFER regulations constitute a significant part of statewide energy consumption figures. Historical electricity and natural gas consumption data are used in California energy demand forecasts, and the CEC presents these forecasts in the Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR). CEC staff use the consumption data to answer data requests from state agencies and from the public.

Currently, QFER submitters send data to CEC staff via email. After receiving the data files via email, CEC staff validates the data using the Energy Consumption Data Management System (ECDMS), which alerts CEC staff of any errors. If there are errors in the data that require the QFER submitters to fix, CEC staff must contact the submitter via email or other means. As the data is sent via email, ECDMS cannot alert submitters of errors prior to submission. Because of other work requirements between both parties, this process can often lead to delays in data submission, which in turn can impact the publication of the IEPR and CEC staff's ability to respond to data requests.

By using a standardized format in a consistent manner across all QFER consumption data submissions, the DSP platform will provide an opportunity for the CEC to receive standardized data with higher data quality. The implementation of the DSP aims to reduce time spent on back-and-forth communication by checking for data validation prior to submission. The new process will improve efficiency for QFER submitters as well as inform them automatically and immediately if their data has been accepted.

#### **Attendance Instructions**

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**Dated:** 06/11/2025 at Sacramento, California.