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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Enhance the Role of Demand Response in Meeting the State's Resource Planning Needs and Operational Requirements.

Rulemaking 13-09-011
(Filed September 19, 2013)

(NOT CONSOLIDATED)

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Create a Consistent Regulatory Framework for the Guidance, Planning, and Evaluation of Integrated Demand Side Resource Programs.

Rulemaking 14-10-003
(Filed October 2, 2014)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING NOTICING WORKSHOP TO DEVELOP LOCATIONAL NET BENEFITS ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY

Summary

This Ruling notices parties of Rulemaking (R.) 13-09-011 and Rulemaking 14-10-003 that a workshop will be held in Rulemaking 14-08-013, the Distribution Resources Plan proceeding, in the Commission Auditorium at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102 on Monday, February 1, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the development of a localized net benefits analysis methodology. The workshop is noticed in R.13-09-011 and R.14-10-003 because, as discussed below, the locational net benefits analysis methodology is to be used in further exploring cost-effectiveness in both Rulemakings; therefore, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) may attend portions or the entirety of the February 1, 2016 workshop.

1. Background

On January 8, 2016, the assigned ALJ in R.14-08-013, the Distribution Resources Plan proceeding, issued a Ruling noticing a workshop to – among other issues – discuss proposals for a locational net benefits analysis. The January 8, 2016 Ruling explained that the distribution resources plan proceeding will focus on the development of localized avoided costs and benefits that are specific and different depending on location.

In September 2015, the Commission issued Decision (D.) 15-09-022, which determined that R.14-10-003 may consider the issue of location-specific or service-specific pricing and how the locational net benefits analysis and the proposed integrated capacity analysis results (or other methods) may be used in determining such pricing.

In November 2015, the Commission approved Decision (D.) 15-11-042, which adopted the 2015 Demand Response Cost-Effectiveness Protocols but deferred the transmission and distribution avoided costs. D.15-11-042 stated that once a finalized locational net benefits methodology is adopted in R.14-08-013, the Protocols will be updated to reflect the use of this methodology to adjust for transmission and distribution avoided costs.

2. Discussion

A workshop to discuss proposals for a locational net benefits analysis will take place on Monday, February 1, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Auditorium at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102. Web-Ex information and a detailed agenda will be available at a later date on the Commission's Daily Calendar. For those not able to attend in person, a telephone line has been reserved to listen to the workshop: 866-830-4003; when prompted enter the passcode 9869619. For more information, contact

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Because of the overlap between this workshop and future analysis to be completed in R.13-09-011 and R.14-10-003, it is important for the assigned ALJ to attend portions of the Locational Net Benefits Analysis Workshop. One or more Commissioners (including a potential quorum of Commissioners), Advisors, or ALJ may attend the workshop. No decisions will be made during the workshop. Rule 8.1(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure states that an *ex parte* communication means a written or oral communication that "does not occur in a public hearing, workshop, or other public forum noticed by ruling or order in the proceeding, or in the record of the proceeding." As a result of this Ruling, any public discussion during the workshop is not subject to *ex parte* reporting requirements.

IT IS RULED that parties in Rulemaking 13-09-011 and Rulemaking 14-10-003 are hereby notified that a locational net benefits analysis workshop in Rulemaking 14-08-013 shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 1, 2016, in the Commission Auditorium at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102.

Dated January 25, 2016, at San Francisco, California.

 /s/ KELLY A. HYMES
 Kelly A. Hymes
 Administrative Law Judge