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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Continue Implementation and Administration, and Consider Further Development, of California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

Rulemaking 15-02-020
(Filed February 26, 2015)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING ACCEPTING INTO THE RECORD ENERGY DIVISION STAFF PAPER ON DRAFT 2016 RPS PORTFOLIOS FOR GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION PLANNING AND REQUESTING COMMENTS

Background

As part of the ongoing work of planning for California's energy future, Energy Division staff, with input from parties in the relevant proceedings, develop "renewables portfolio standard (RPS)¹ portfolios" for use in the Commission's long-term procurement planning proceeding (LTPP)² and the Transmission Planning Process (TPP) of the California Independent System Operator (CAISO).

Parties to the LTPP proceeding and this proceeding recently had the opportunity to comment on standardized Assumptions and Scenarios proposed by Energy Division staff for use in the CAISO's 2016-17 TPP. (See Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Seeking Comment on Assumptions and

¹ The RPS is currently codified at Pub. Util. Code §§ 399.11-399.32.

² The current LTPP proceeding is Rulemaking (R.) 13-12-010.

Scenarios for Use in the California Independent System Operator's 2016-17 Transmission Planning Process And Future Commission Proceedings (February 8, 2016.)

Staff Paper

Energy Division staff, after considering party comments on proposed Assumptions and Scenarios as noted above, prepared draft RPS portfolios for consideration. The draft RPS portfolios and background and supporting information are contained in the Energy Division Staff Paper on Draft RPS Portfolios for Generation and Transmission Planning (March 9, 2016) (*Staff Portfolios Paper*), attached hereto as Attachment A. The Staff Portfolios Paper addresses issues that are important to this proceeding and therefore should be accepted into the record of this proceeding.

Comments

Comments should address each question presented and should be as specific and precise as possible. Where appropriate and useful, quantitative examples should be provided.

Comments should be complete in themselves and should not incorporate by reference any other materials. Other materials necessary to the response should be attached, or, if the materials are available on a web site, the link to the materials should be given. All comments should use publicly available materials. All comments should specifically identify, with respect to each question, whether any potential sources of information addressed in the response to the question are confidential.

As a courtesy and because of the relevance of these draft portfolios to the LTPP process, this ruling is being served on parties in both this RPS proceeding

and the LTPP proceeding, R.13-12-010. All comments must be filed only in this proceeding, R.15-02-020.

Comments of not more than 20 pages may be filed and served not later than March 29, 2016. Reply comments are not required and will not be accepted.

Questions for Comments

1. Which land use assumption identified in the *Staff Portfolios Paper* is most appropriate to use to generate the 2016 RPS portfolios? Please discuss these assumptions: Base, Environmental Baseline, or “Desert Renewable Conservation Plan (DRECP)/San Joaquin Valley Solar Project (SJVP).” Give precise and detailed reasons in support of your recommendation.
2. Are the draft 2016 RPS portfolios acceptable for use in the LTPP proceeding in 2016? If yes, please explain the reasons for your response. If not, please identify:
 - a. the specific problem(s) that make the 2016 RPS portfolios unacceptable;
 - b. in which of the draft RPS portfolios the identified problems are present;
 - c. why the problem(s) makes the portfolio(s) unacceptable; and
 - d. what could be done to resolve the problems you have identified, within the timeframe for using the portfolios in the 2016 LTPP.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The *Energy Division Staff Paper on Draft RPS Portfolios for Generation and Transmission Planning* (March 9, 2016) is accepted into the record of this proceeding.
2. Comments of not more than 20 pages may be filed and served not later than March 29, 2016, in accordance with instructions in this Ruling. All comments must be filed in this proceeding.
3. No reply comments will be accepted.

