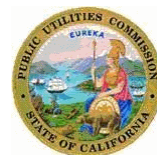


**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



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Order Instituting Rulemaking to Continue
Implementation and Administration of California
Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

Rulemaking 11-05-005
(Filed May 5, 2011)

NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

Pursuant to Section 1701.1 of the California Public Utilities Code and Rules 8.3 and 8.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure, the California Wind Energy Association ("CalWEA") hereby gives notice of the following ex parte communication.

On Friday, October 27, 2017, from approximately 11:05 a.m. to 11:35 a.m., Nancy Rader, Executive Director of CalWEA, and Jarod Bishop, Business Development Manager, West Coast, EWT Americas, met by telephone with Sandy Goldberg, advisor to Commissioner Rechtschaffen. The meeting was initiated by Ms. Rader.

Ms. Rader discussed the issues raised by CalWEA in the Petition for Modification of Decision 13-05-034 filed in this proceeding on December 15, 2016 ("CalWEA Petition"), pertaining to the Renewable Market Adjusting Tariff ("ReMAT") program, which Petition requests that projects using shared transformers be allowed to participate in the ReMAT program. Ms. Rader noted that the Commission resolved the same technical issue in the context of the Renewable Auction Mechanism (RAM) program in its Decision 15-12-025, and that the Petition asks the Commission to make the same finding in the ReMAT program context. Given the straightforward nature of the Petition, Ms. Rader requested that the Petition be addressed as soon as possible, noting that the ReMAT program offers an important opportunity to demonstrate wind turbine technologies new to the California market that could be important to the repowering of many of California's 1980s-vintage wind projects whose initial contracts have expired or will soon expire, and whose turbines are at least 25 years old. Granting CalWEA's petition would

also, by removing a critical barrier to wind project developments, help enable California wind projects capture federal production tax credits before they expire.

Mr. Bishop explained that EWT Americas must make business decisions in the coming months in order to be able to meet the commercial online date of a ReMAT contract, which decisions are contingent on the ability to share a transformer.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Nancy Rader

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October 30, 2017

VERIFICATION

I, Nancy Rader, am the Executive Director of the California Wind Energy Association. I am authorized to make this Verification on its behalf. I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements in the foregoing copy of *Notice of Ex Parte Communication* are true of my own knowledge, except as to the matters which are therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on October 30, 2017, at Berkeley, California.

/s/ Nancy Rader

Nancy Rader
Executive Director, California Wind Energy Association