

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ENERGY DIVISION

**RESOLUTION E-4747
May 26, 2016**

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RESOLUTION

Resolution E-4747. Approves Southern California Edison Company's (SCE's) request to enter into a renewables portfolio standard (RPS) power purchase agreement with Geysers Power Company, LLC.

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- This resolution approves cost recovery for the long-term renewable energy power purchase agreement between SCE and Geysers Power Company, LLC. The power purchase agreement is approved without modification.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- The power purchase agreement requires the seller of the generation to comply with all safety provisions as specified in SCE's 2014 Pro Forma power purchase agreement.

ESTIMATED COST:

- Actual costs of the power purchase agreement are confidential at this time.

By Advice Letter 3289-E, filed on October 27, 2015.

SUMMARY

Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) renewable energy power purchase agreement (PPA) with Geysers Power Company, LLC (Geysers) complies with the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) procurement guidelines and is approved without modification.

SCE filed Advice Letter (AL) 3289-E on October 7, 2015, requesting California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) review and approval of a 10-year renewable energy PPA with Geysers. The PPA was executed through SCE's 2014 RPS solicitation (2014 RPS RFO). Pursuant to the PPA, RPS-eligible

generation will be purchased from the Geysers facility which is located in Sonoma and Lake Counties.

This Resolution approves the Geysers PPA. SCE's execution of this PPA is consistent with SCE's 2014 RPS Procurement Plan (RPS Plan), which the Commission approved in Decision (D.) 14-11-042. In addition, RPS deliveries pursuant to the Geysers PPA are reasonably priced and the related costs to SCE are fully recoverable in rates over the life of the Geysers PPA, subject to Commission review of SCE's administration of the PPA.

The following table provides a summary of the Geysers PPA:

Table 1: Summary of Geysers PPA

Seller	Generation Type	Size (MW)	Estimated Average Energy (GWh/Yr)	Forecasted Commercial Operation Date	Term of Agreement (Years)	Location
Geysers Power Company, LLC	Geothermal	50	438	January 1, 2018	10	Sonoma and Lake Counties, CA

BACKGROUND

Overview of the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) Program

The California RPS program was established by Senate Bill (SB) 1078, and has been subsequently modified by SB 107, SB 1036, and SB 2 (1X).¹ The RPS program is codified in Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) Sections 399.11, *et seq.*² Under SB 2 (1X), the RPS program administered by the Commission requires each retail seller to procure eligible renewable energy resources so that the amount of electricity generated from eligible renewable resources is an amount that equals an average of 20 percent of the total electricity sold to retail customers in California per year for compliance period 2011-2013;

¹ SB 1078 (Sher, Chapter 516, Statutes of 2002); SB 107 (Simitian, Chapter 464, Statutes of 2006); SB 1036 (Perata, Chapter 685, Statutes of 2007); SB 2 (1X) (Simitian, Chapter 1, Statutes of 2011, First Extraordinary Session).

² All further statutory references are to the Pub. Util. Code unless otherwise specified.

25 percent of retail sales by December 31, 2016; and 33 percent of retail sales by December 31, 2020.³ On October 7, 2015, SB 350⁴ made further changes to Pub. Util. Code Sections 399.11, *et seq.* SB 350 requires that the amount of electricity generated and sold to retail customers from eligible renewable energy resources be increased to 50% by December 31, 2030.

Additional background information about the Commission's RPS Program, including links to relevant laws and Commission decisions, is available at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Renewables/overview.htm> and <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Renewables/decisions.htm>.

NOTICE

Notice of the Geysers AL was made by publication in the Commission's Daily Calendar on October 7, 2015. SCE states that a copy of the Geysers AL was mailed and distributed to the R.15-02-020 service list and GO 96-B service lists in accordance with Section 4 of General Order 96-B.

PROTEST

The Geysers AL was not protested.

DISCUSSION

SCE requests approval of a renewable energy power purchase agreement with Geysers Power Company, LLC.

On October 7, 2015, SCE filed the Geysers AL requesting Commission approval of a long-term RPS eligible PPA. The proposed Geysers Power Company, LLC project is located in Sonoma and Lake Counties, CA. The project that is contemplated by the Geysers PPA is a 50 MW portion of an existing portfolio of geothermal facilities totaling over 725 MW. The project is located in Sonoma and Lake Counties, California, in the Geysers Known Geothermal Resource Area.

³ D.11-12-020 established a methodology to calculate procurement requirement quantities for the three different compliance periods covered in SB 2 (1X) (2011-2013, 2014-2016, and 2017-2020).

⁴ SB 350 (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015) effective on January 1, 2016.

Each Geysers power plant is interconnected to one of four transmission lines owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E"): the Geysers-Eagle Rock 115 kV, Geysers 12-Fulton 230 kV, Geysers 17-Fulton 230 kV or Geysers-Lakeville 230 kV transmission lines. Pursuant to the Geysers PPA, SCE is to begin purchasing generation from the Geysers facilities beginning January 1, 2018. The expected annual generation to be purchased from Geysers is 438 Gigawatt-hours (GWh). The generation could count towards SCE's RPS requirements beginning in January 2018.

SCE requests that the Commission issue a resolution that:

1. Approves the Geysers PPA in its entirety;
2. Finds that the Geysers PPA is consistent with SCE's 2014 RPS Procurement Plan;
3. Finds that the Geysers PPA is compliant with the Emissions Performance Standard;
4. Finds that any procurement pursuant to the Geysers PPA is procurement from an eligible renewable energy resource for purposes of determining SCE's compliance with any obligation that it may have to procure eligible renewable energy resources pursuant to the California Renewables Portfolio Standard (Pub. Util. Code Sections 399.11 *et seq.*), Decision 03-06-071, or other applicable law; and,
5. Finds that the Geysers PPA, and SCE's entry into it, is reasonable and prudent for all purposes, including, but not limited to, recovery in rates of payments made pursuant to the Geysers PPA, subject only to further review with respect to the reasonableness of SCE's administration of the Geysers PPA.

Energy Division Evaluated the Geysers PPA based on the following criteria:

- Consistency with the RPS policies and requirements:
 - SCE's 2014 RPS Procurement Plan and RPS Procurement Need
 - SCE's least-cost and best-fit methodology (LCBF)
 - RPS Standard Terms and Conditions
 - Portfolio Content Categories Requirements
 - Long-Term Contracting Requirement
 - Independent Evaluator review requirements

- Procurement Review Group Requirements
 - Net Market Value and Cost Reasonableness
 - Compliance with the Interim Greenhouse Gas Emissions Performance Standard
 - PPA Viability Assessment and Project Development Status

Consistency with SCE's 2014 RPS Procurement Plan

SCE provided an assessment of supply and demand in its 2014 RPS Procurement Plan (2014 RPS Plan) to determine the optimal mix of renewable generation resources, description of potential RPS compliance delays, status update of projects within its RPS portfolio, and an assessment of project failure and delay risk within its RPS portfolio.⁵ Specifically, SCE explained that its assessment for determining need is based on bundled retail sales; performance and variability of existing generation; likelihood of new generation achieving commercial operation, expected commercial on-line dates, technology mix, expected curtailment; and the impact of pre-approved procurement programs, among other factors. Based on that assessment, SCE stated that it had a RPS procurement need beginning in the third compliance period (2017-2020).

SCE stated its intention to procure additional RPS-eligible resources in order to satisfy its RPS requirements. Specifically, SCE called for the issuance of a competitive solicitation for the purchase of RPS-eligible energy with deliveries beginning on or after January 1, 2016. In addition, SCE sought offers that would qualify as Portfolio Content Category 1 or 3 and be for at least 10 years in length.

Based on SCE's RPS portfolio needs described in its 2014 RPS Plan, the Geysers PPA is consistent with SCE's 2014 RPS Plan. The Geysers PPA is for generation from an existing and RPS certified energy resource, with deliveries to begin on January 1, 2018 and continuing for 10 years, such that deliveries would begin during the third compliance periods (2017-2020).

The Geysers PPA is consistent with SCE's 2014 RPS Procurement Plan, approved by D.14-11-042.

⁵ Section 399.13(a)(5).

Consistency with SCE's Least-Cost and Best-fit (LCBF) Methodology

In D.04-07-029 and D.12-11-016, the Commission directs the utilities to use certain criteria in their LCBF selection of renewable resources.⁶ The decisions provide guidance regarding the process by which the utility ranks bids in order to select or “shortlist” the bids with which it will commence negotiations.

As described in its 2014 RPS Plan,⁷ SCE's LCBF bid evaluation includes a quantitative analysis and qualitative criteria. SCE's quantitative analysis is based on market valuation that calculates the net market value of a bid,⁸ which is the net of a project's levelized benefits and costs.⁹ Project costs include contract payments, transmission, congestion, integration, and debt equivalence costs. Project benefits include energy and capacity value and congestion benefits. SCE ranks all conforming bids and creates a preliminary shortlist based on the net market value results.

In addition to the quantitative ranking of bids, SCE evaluates the qualitative attributes of the top proposals with a competitive net market value. SCE assesses factors such as location, project viability, portfolio fit, resource diversity, counterparty concentration, and other attributes to eliminate or add projects to the final shortlist.

SCE explains in the Geysers AL that are the resulted from SCE's 2014 RPS solicitation and that it evaluated and shortlisted the PPA bid consistent with its 2014 LCBF methodology.¹⁰

See the “Net Market Value and Cost Reasonableness” section of this Resolution for a discussion of how the PPA compares to other offers from SCE's 2014 RPS solicitation and comparable RPS contracts executed by SCE in the 12 months prior to PPA execution.

⁶ Section 399.13(a)(4)(A).

⁷ Public Appendix 1.1 at 2, 3, & 11.

⁸ Unlike the other two utilities, SCE uses a different term, “Renewable Premium” for net market value.

⁹ Present value expressed in terms of dollars per megawatt-hour (\$/MWh).

¹⁰ SCE's 2014 RPS solicitation protocols, including its LCBF methodology, as described above, was approved by the Commission in D.14-11-042.

The Geysers PPA was evaluated consistent with the LCBF methodology described in SCE's 2014 RPS Procurement Plan.

Net Market Value and Cost Reasonableness

The Commission's reasonableness review for RPS PPAs includes a comparison of the proposed PPA's net market value and price relative to other RPS offers received in recent RPS solicitations. Additionally, the Commission compares the PPA's net market value to comparable contracts executed by the utility in the 12 months prior to the proposed PPA's execution date. Using this methodology and the confidential analysis provided by SCE in the Geysers AL, the Commission finds that the net market value of the Geysers PPA is low to moderate relative to other RPS offers received by SCE and that the costs of the Geysers PPA is moderate to high. See Confidential Appendix A for a detailed discussion of the analysis.

Although the Geysers PPA has a low to moderate net market value and moderate to high cost, the PPA fits SCE's needs, as stated in SCE's 2014 RPS Procurement Plan. Specifically, the Geysers facilities are already operational which negates any viability risk. Additionally, the geothermal generation that SCE is purchasing under the Geysers PPA would allow SCE to diversify their existing RPS portfolio which is comprised of mostly wind and solar resources. Lastly, the Geysers PPA has favorable terms, e.g., online date and generation quantities, that meet all of the requirements that SCE stated in their 2014 RPS Procurement Plan.

The Geysers PPA has low to moderate net market value and moderate to high cost relative to RPS offers received in SCE's 2014 RPS solicitation and comparable contracts executed by SCE in the 12 months prior to executing the Geysers PPA.

The Geysers PPA fits the needs of SCE's RPS portfolio better than other RPS offers received in SCE's 2014 RPS solicitation and comparable contracts executed by SCE in the 12 months prior to executing the Geysers PPA.

Payments made by SCE under the Geysers PPA are fully recoverable in rates over the life of the PPA, subject to Commission review of SCE's administration of the PPA and any other conditions contained herein or required by law.

Consistency with RPS Standard Terms and Conditions (STCs)

The Commission adopted a set of standard terms and conditions (STCs) required in RPS contracts, five of which are considered “non-modifiable.” The STCs were compiled in D.08-04-009 and subsequently amended in D.08-08-028. More recently, the Commission further refined some of the STCs in D.10-03-021, as modified by D.11-01-025, D.13-11-024, and D.14-11-042.

The Geysers PPA includes the Commission adopted RPS “non-modifiable” standard terms and conditions, as set forth in D.08-04-009, D.08-08-028, D.10-03-021, as modified by D.11-01-025, D.13-11-024, and D.14-11-042.

Consistency with Portfolio Content Categories

In D.11-12-052, the Commission defined and implemented portfolio content categories for the RPS program and authorized the Director the Energy Division to require the investor-owned utilities to provide information regarding the proposed contract’s portfolio content category classification in each advice letter seeking Commission-approval of an RPS contract. The purpose of the information is to allow the Commission to evaluate the claimed portfolio content category of the proposed RPS PPA and the risks and value to ratepayers if the proposed PPA ultimately results in renewable energy credits in another, less preferred, portfolio content category.

SCE claims in the Geysers AL that the procurement pursuant to the PPA will be classified as Portfolio Content Category 1. To support its claim, SCE asserts that the Geysers facility is located in Sonoma and Lake Counties. This RPS-eligible resource has a first point of interconnection within the CAISO and pursuant to the Geysers PPA the RECs associated with the electricity from Geysers will delivered to SCE and not unbundled or transferred to another owner.

Consistent with D.11-12-052, SCE provided information in the Geysers AL regarding the expected portfolio content category classification of the renewable energy credits procured pursuant to the Geysers PPA.

In this Resolution, the Commission makes no determination regarding the Geysers PPA’s portfolio content category classification. The RPS contract evaluation process is separate from the RPS compliance and portfolio content category classification process, which require consideration of several factors based on various showings in a compliance filing. Thus, making a portfolio content category classification determination in this Resolution regarding the

procurement considered herein is not appropriate. SCE should incorporate the procurement resulting from the approved Geysers PPA and all applicable supporting documentation to demonstrate portfolio content category classification in the appropriate compliance showing consistent with all applicable RPS program rules.

Consistency with Long-Term Contracting Requirement

In D.12-06-038, the Commission established a long-term contracting requirement that must be met in order for retail sellers to count RPS procurement from contracts less than 10 years in duration for compliance with the RPS program.¹¹ In order for the procurement from any short-term contract(s) signed after June 1, 2010, to count for RPS compliance, the retail seller must execute long-term contract(s) in the same compliance period in which the short-term contract(s) is signed. The volume of expected generation in the long-term contract(s) must be sufficient to cover the volume of generation from the short-term contract(s).¹²

The Geysers PPA is for a 10-year term and was executed during the second compliance period (2014-2016).

Because the Geysers PPA is greater than 10 years in length, the long-term contracting requirement does not apply to SCE's procurement via the Geysers PPA, and the Geysers PPA will contribute to SCE's long-term contracting requirement established in D.12-06-038 for Compliance Period 2014-2016.

Independent Evaluator Review

SCE retained Merrimack Energy Group, Inc. as the independent evaluator (IE) to oversee its 2014 RPS solicitation. In addition, Merrimack oversaw the negotiations with Geysers and evaluated the overall merits of the Geysers PPA. The Geysers AL included a public and confidential version of the IE's report.

¹¹ For the purposes of the long-term contracting requirement, contracts of less than 10 years duration are considered "short-term" contracts. (D.12-06-038.)

¹² Pursuant to D.12-06-038, the methodology setting the long-term contracting requirement is: 0.25% of Total Retail Sales in 2010 for the first compliance period; 0.25% of Total Retail Sales in 2011-2013 for the second compliance period; and 0.25% of Total Retail Sales in 2014-2016 for the third compliance period.

The IE states in its report that the Geysers PPA was reasonably negotiated with contract terms that when taken as a whole appropriately protect the interests of SCE's ratepayers. The IE also concludes that the project is mature in terms of project development status. Overall, the IE states that he agrees with SCE that the Geysers PPA merits Commission approval.¹³ See Confidential Appendix B for an excerpt from the IE Report on the Geysers PPA.

Consistent with D.06-05-039, an independent evaluator oversaw SCE's 2014 RPS solicitation and negotiations with Geysers.

Procurement Review Group (PRG) Participation Requirement

The PRG was initially established in D.02-08-071 to review and assess the details of the IOU's overall procurement strategy, solicitations, specific proposed procurement contracts and other procurement processes prior to submitting filings to the Commission as a mechanism for procurement review by non-market participants.

SCE consulted with its PRG during each milestone of the 2014 RPS solicitation, informing the participants of the initial bid results and the shortlist of bids. SCE also briefed the PRG participants on the proposed execution of the Geysers PPA on March 11, 2015.

SCE's PRG participants included representatives from Energy Division (ED), the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA), California Department of Water Resources (CDWR), The Utility Reform Network (TURN), Sierra Club, and the California Utility Employees (CUE). Representatives from ED, ORA, CDWR, CUE, and IE attended the PRG meeting on March 11, 2015.

Consistent with D.02-08-071, SCE's Procurement Review Group participated in the review of the Geysers PPA.

¹³ Report of the Independent Evaluator Review of Power Purchase Agreement with Geysers Power Company, LLC, Section VIII.B.

Compliance with the Interim Greenhouse Gas Emissions Performance Standard (EPS)

Pub. Util. Code Sections 8340 and 8341 require that the Commission consider emissions costs associated with new long-term (five years or greater) baseload power contracts procured on behalf of California ratepayers.¹⁴

D.07-01-039 adopted an interim EPS that establishes an emission rate for obligated facilities at levels no greater than the greenhouse gas emissions of a combined-cycle gas turbine power plant. Generating facilities using certain renewable resources are deemed compliant with the EPS.¹⁵

Pursuant to D.07-01-039, geothermal generating facilities are deemed EPS-compliant.¹⁶ The Geysers Project is a geothermal facility and therefore meets this requirement.

PPA Viability and Project Development Status

The generation to be delivered pursuant to the Geysers PPA is from an online and operating facility that has been certified by the CEC as RPS-eligible and is managed by an experienced generator (Calpine). It is reasonable to expect that Geysers will meet the terms and conditions of its PPA.

Safety Considerations

Pub. Util. Code Section 451 requires that every public utility maintain adequate, efficient, just, and reasonable service, instrumentalities, equipment and facilities to ensure the safety, health, and comfort of the public.

¹⁴ "Baseload generation" is electricity generation at a power plant "designed and intended to provide electricity at an annualized plant capacity factor of at least 60%." Pub. Util. Code Section 8340 (a).

¹⁵ D.07-01-039, Attachment 7, p. 4.

¹⁶ D.07-01-039 at p.226, Conclusion of Law 35: Based on the record in this proceeding, it is reasonable to make an upfront determination that the following renewable resources and technologies are EPS-compliant: (a) Solar Thermal Electric(with up to 25% gas heat input), (b) Wind, (c) Geothermal, with or without reinjection, (d) Generating facilities (e.g., agricultural and wood waste, landfill gas) using biomass that would otherwise be disposed of utilizing open burning, forest accumulation, landfill (uncontrolled, gas collection with flare, gas collection with engine), spreading or composting.

SCE's 2014 *Pro Forma* PPA includes safety provisions, which require the seller to operate the generating facility in accordance with the Prudent Electrical Practices as defined in the *Pro Forma* PPA. Further, these provisions specifically require that all sellers take a list of reasonable steps to ensure that the generation facility is operated, maintained, and decommissioned in a safe manner. It also includes a provision that requires a report from an independent engineer certifying that the seller has a written plan for the safe construction and operation of the generating facility in accordance with the Prudent Electrical Practices. The seller must also provide the report to SCE prior to the commencement of any construction activities on the project site. The Geysers PPA includes all of these provisions.

RPS Eligibility and CPUC Approval

Pursuant to Pub. Util. Code Section 399.13, the CEC certifies eligible renewable energy resources. Generation from a resource that is not CEC-certified cannot be used to meet RPS requirements. To ensure that only CEC-certified energy is procured under a Commission-approved RPS contract, the Commission has required standard and non-modifiable "eligibility" language in all RPS contracts. That language requires a seller to warrant that the project qualifies and is certified by the CEC as an "Eligible Renewable Energy Resource," that the project's output delivered to the buyer qualifies under the requirements of the RPS, and that the seller uses commercially reasonable efforts to maintain eligibility should there be a change in law affecting eligibility.¹⁷

The Commission requires a standard and non-modifiable clause in all RPS contracts that requires "CPUC Approval" of a PPA to include an explicit finding that "any procurement pursuant to this Agreement is procurement from an eligible renewable energy resource for purposes of determining Buyer's compliance with any obligation that it may have to procure eligible renewable energy resources pursuant to the California Renewables Portfolio Standard (*Pub. Util. Code Section 399.11 et seq.*), D.11-12-020 and D.11-12-052, or other applicable law."¹⁸

¹⁷ See, e.g. D. 08-04-009 at Appendix A, STC 6, Eligibility.

¹⁸ See, e.g. D. 08-04-009 at Appendix A, STC 1, CPUC Approval.

Notwithstanding this language, given that the Commission has no jurisdiction to determine whether a project is an “Eligible Renewable Energy Resource” for RPS purposes, this finding and the effectiveness of the non-modifiable “eligibility” language is contingent on CEC’s certification of the Geysers project as an “Eligible Renewable Energy Resource.” The contract language that procurement pursuant to the Geysers PPA “is procurement from an eligible renewable energy resource” must be a true statement at the time of the first delivery of energy, not at the signing of the PPA or at the issuance of this Resolution.

While we include the required finding here, this finding has never been intended, and shall not be read now, to allow the generation from a non-RPS-eligible resource to count towards an RPS compliance obligation absent CEC certification. Nor shall such finding absolve the seller of its obligation to obtain CEC certification, or the utility of its obligation to pursue remedies for breach of contract. Such contract enforcement activities shall be reviewed pursuant to the Commission’s authority to review the utilities’ administration of such contracts.

Confidential Information

The Commission, in implementing Pub. Util. Code Section 454.5(g), has determined in D.06-06-066, as modified by D.07-05-032, that certain material submitted to the Commission as confidential should be kept confidential to ensure that market sensitive data does not influence the behavior of bidders in future RPS solicitations. D.06-06-066 adopted a time limit on the confidentiality of specific terms in RPS contracts. Such information, including price, is confidential for three years from the date the contract states that energy deliveries begin, or until one year following contract expiration, except contracts between IOUs and their affiliates, which are public.

The confidential appendices, marked “[REDACTED]” in the public copy of this Resolution, as well as the confidential portions of the Geysers AL, remain confidential at this time.

COMMENTS

The Geysers AL is an uncontested matter in which this Resolution grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to Pub. Util. Code Section 311(g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment was waived. This Resolution will be placed on the Commission's Meeting Agenda directly for prompt action.

FINDINGS

1. The Geysers Power Company, LLC power purchase agreement is consistent with SCE's 2014 Renewables Portfolio Standard Procurement Plan, as approved by Decision (D.)14-11-042.
2. The Geysers Power Company, LLC power purchase agreement was evaluated consistent with the least-cost and best-fit methodology described in SCE's 2014 RPS Procurement Plan.
3. The Geysers PPA has low to moderate net market value and moderate to high cost relative to RPS offers received in SCE's 2014 RPS solicitation and comparable contracts executed by SCE in the 12 months prior to executing the Geysers PPA.
4. The Geysers PPA fits the needs of SCE's RPS portfolio better than other RPS offers received in SCE's 2014 RPS solicitation and comparable contracts executed by SCE in the 12 months prior to executing the Geysers PPA.
5. The Geysers Power Company, LLC power purchase agreement includes the Commission-adopted Renewables Portfolio Standard "non-modifiable" standard terms and conditions, as set forth in D.08-04-009, D.08-08-028, D.10-03-021, as modified by D.11-01-025, D.13-11-024, and D.14-11-042.
6. Consistent with D.11-12-052, SCE provided information in Advice Letter 3289-E regarding the expected portfolio content category classification of the renewable energy credits to be procured pursuant to the Geysers Power Company, LLC power purchase agreement.
7. Because the Geysers Power Company, LLC power purchase agreement is longer than 10 years, the long-term contracting requirement does not apply to SCE's procurement via the Geysers Power Company, LLC power purchase agreement.
8. The Geysers Power Company, LLC power purchase agreement will meet SCE's long-term contracting requirement established in D.12-06-038 for the 2nd Compliance Period 2014-2016.
9. Consistent with D.06-05-039, an independent evaluator oversaw SCE's 2014 Renewables Portfolio Standard procurement solicitation and SCE's negotiations for the Geysers Power Company, LLC power purchase agreement.
10. Consistent with D.02-08-071, SCE's Procurement Review Group participated in the review of the Geysers Power Company, LLC power purchase agreement.

11. The Geysers Power Company, LLC power purchase agreements are not subject to the Emissions Performance Standard because the generating facilities have a forecast annualized capacity factor of less than 60 percent and therefore are not baseload generation under paragraphs 1(a)(ii) and 3(2)(a) of the Adopted Interim Emissions Performance Standard Rules.
12. It is reasonable to expect that the Geysers project will be able to meet the terms and conditions in the Geysers Power Company, LLC power purchase agreement.
13. Advice Letter 3289-E was not protested.
14. Procurement pursuant to the Geysers Power Company, LLC power purchase agreement must be procurement from an eligible renewable energy resource certified by the CEC for purposes of determining SCE's compliance with any obligation that it may have to procure eligible renewable energy resources pursuant to the California Renewables Portfolio Standard (Public Utilities Code Sections 399.11, et seq.), D.03-06-071 and D.06-10-050, or other applicable law on or before the first delivery of energy.
15. Payments made by SCE pursuant to the Geysers Power Company, LLC power purchase agreement are fully recoverable in rates over the life of the power purchase agreement, subject to Commission review of SCE's administration of the power purchase agreements and any other applicable Commission review.
16. The confidential appendices, marked "[REDACTED]" in the public copy of this Resolution, as well as the confidential portions of Advice Letter 3289-E, remain confidential at this time.
17. Advice Letter 3289-E should be approved and effective today.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The request of the Southern California Edison Company for review and approval of two power purchase agreement with Geysers Power Company, LLC as requested in Advice Letter AL 3289-E is approved without modification.

This Resolution is effective today.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California held on May 26, 2016; the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

/s/ TIMOTHY J. SULLIVAN
TIMOTHY J. SULLIVAN
Executive Director

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Confidential Appendix A

Evaluation Summary of the Geysers Power Company,
LLC Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)

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Confidential Appendix B

Excerpt from the Independent Evaluator Report on the
Geysers PPA

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