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CPUC ISSUES STAFF WORKSHOP REPORT ON THE ENERGY IMPACTS OF CANNABIS CULTIVATION

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20, 2017 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today issued a staff report on a recent workshop exploring the energy impacts of cannabis cultivation.

On February 28, 2017, the CPUC held a workshop designed to explore opportunities for ensuring that energy usage associated with cannabis cultivation in California is consistent with the state's clean energy goals. During the workshop, panelists from utility companies, cannabis growers, regulators, and others discussed the cannabis-related energy impacts in states that have already legalized recreational cannabis. They also discussed the challenges and opportunities for making cannabis cultivation in California more energy efficient.

Said CPUC President Michael Picker, "Although the report does not make specific policy recommendations, it does recommend engagement between the cannabis industry, regulators, utility companies, local government, and other stakeholders to explore a special tariff for cannabis cultivation, similar to the current agriculture rate. As such, we are assembling a Cannabis Working Group to consider policy responses."

The staff report is available at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/General.aspx?id=6442452715>.

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