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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Policies, Procedures and Rules for the California Solar Initiative, the Self-Generation Incentive Program and Other Distributed Generation Issues.

Rulemaking 10-05-004
(Filed May 6, 2010)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND REQUESTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE STATEMENTS ON STAFF PROPOSAL FOR CALIFORNIA SOLAR INITIATIVE PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS

This ruling sets a prehearing conference (PHC) in the above-captioned proceeding for August 12, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California, to discuss the scope and schedule for this proceeding. The purpose of the PHC is to determine the priority and the timing of the issues in this proceeding.

In advance of the PHC, interested stakeholders and parties are requested to review the attached proposal by Staff of the Commission's Energy Division (Staff Proposal) regarding program modifications to the California Solar Initiative, and file a PHC statement no later than August 6, 2010 with recommended prioritization for the Commission to consider the recommendations contained in the Staff Proposal. Parties' PHC statements are limited to 10 pages. The Staff Proposal is attached to this ruling as Attachment A.

A preliminary proposal for prioritization of the items in the Staff Proposal is shown in the table below. This preliminary prioritization is based on the assumption that the Commission would take up high priority items in the first quarter of 2011, while medium and low priority items would follow a decision on high priority items in the third and fourth quarters of 2011.

Preliminary Prioritization of Items in Staff Proposal

Issue	Staff Proposal Heading	Priority
Service Delivery Point as the Boundary of Eligibility for VNM Service	2.2	High
Expansion of VNM to all Customers	2.3	High
Expansion of VNM to all Affordable Housing Customers	2.4	High
Create Bill Credit Transfer (BCT) Tariff Option for All Multitenant buildings and Modify CSI Sized to Load Restrictions	2.5	High
NEM: Billing Costs and Billing Simplification	2.6	Medium
Application Processing Timelines	3.1	High
Project Completion Time Requirements	3.2	High
Project Inspections Process	3.3	High
PMRS Cost Cap Exemption for EPBB Systems	3.4	High
Program Administrator Reporting Requirements	3.5	Medium
Administrative Budgets	3.6	Medium
Design Factor for Calculating Payment to EPBB Projects	3.7	Medium
EPBB Calculator Integration with Powerclerk	3.8	Medium
Payment Intervals for Performance Based Incentive Payments	3.9	High
Eligibility of Multiple EPBB Projects	3.10	Low
Revising the Application Processing Program	3.11	Low

Application Database and Confidentiality		
Coordination of CSI Program Application Process with Utility Interconnection Application	3.12	Low
Public Reporting via California Solar Statistics	3.13	Medium
Tax Exempt Documentation for Non-Profit Agencies	3.14	Low
Warranty Requirements	3.15	Low
5 Percent Metering Accuracy Standards for PMRS meters	3.16	Low
Total M&E Budget	4.2	High
M&E Plan Annual Review	4.3	High
M&E Expenditures and Reimbursement Requirement	4.4	High
Scope of CSI M&E Studies	4.5	Medium
M&E Related Metering Expenses	4.6	Medium
Goal of long-term Marketing & Outreach Plan	5.2	High
Annual M&O Plans	5.3	High
Marketing and Outreach Budgeting	5.4	High
Authorized M&O Activities	5.5	High
CSI Required Messaging and Branding	5.6	High
SASH Workforce Development Benefit	6.2	Low
SASH Design Factor Requirement	6.3	Medium
SASH Inspections	6.4	Medium
SASH Program Manager Contract Administration	6.5	Medium
Increasing Incentives Available for Sold Out MASH Track 1	6.6	High
Two year Occupancy Requirement for Eligibility for MASH	6.7	High
MW Goals of MASH and SASH Solar Programs	6.8	Medium
Gas Program Rate Collections	7.2	Low

Allocation of Solar Hot Water Pilot Program Budget	7.3	Low
Rounding Error in IOU Share of CSI Costs Table	7.4	Low

Parties may comment on this prioritization proposal, or provide their own separate proposal, in a PHC statement limited to 10 pages and filed no later than August 6, 2010.

The PHC statements should not contain substantive evaluation of the recommendations in the Staff Proposal. Instead, the PHC statements should focus on providing the parties' views on the level of priority of the various items addressed in the Staff Proposal and the timing of when, during the course of this proceeding, the Commission might take up the various proposals. The Commission will provide a future date for opening and reply comments to obtain parties' detailed substantive views on the recommendations in the Staff Proposal.

Parties may also identify additional issue areas that are not covered in the Staff Proposal that parties believe should be addressed in this proceeding, along with an explanation why the issue(s) should be included and suggested priorities for any such additional issues. Parties also should be aware that the Commission intends to release and obtain parties' comments in the near future on an Energy Division Staff Proposal relating to modification of the self-generation incentive program to comply with Senate Bill 412.

IT IS RULED that:

1. A prehearing conference shall be held in this matter on August 12, 2010 at 10 a.m., at the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.
2. Parties and interested stakeholders may file prehearing conference statements, limited to 10 pages, no later than August 6, 2010.

3. The prehearing conference statements shall address the level of priority and the timing of the various items addressed in the Staff Proposal (Attachment A), and any other issues parties wish to identify for Commission consideration in this proceeding.

4. This ruling shall be served on the service list for R.08-03-008 in addition to any temporary service list available for R.10-05-004.

Dated July 26, 2010, at San Francisco, California.

 /s/ MARYAM EBKE for

Dorothy Duda
Administrative Law Judge

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Dated July 26, 2010, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CRISTINE FERNANDEZ
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