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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

Rulemaking 11-05-005
(Filed May 10, 2011)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING (1) ISSUING STAFF PROPOSAL
(2) ENTERING STAFF PROPOSAL AND OTHER DOCUMENTS INTO THE
RECORD AND (3) SETTING COMMENT DATES**

On September 26, 2011, the Commission's staff held a workshop on pricing and related issues under Pub. Util. Code § 399.20.¹ Prior to the workshop, on September 23, 2011, staff released an initial proposal on the topics to be addressed at the workshop. The purpose of the staff's initial proposal was to facilitate a productive discussion during the workshop on the topics presented and obtain feedback from parties on the staff's initial proposal.

During the workshop, Energy and Environmental Economics (E3), acting in the capacity as a consultant to the Commission, presented data supporting staff's initial pricing proposal. The PowerPoint slides presented by E3 are attached hereto. See Attachment C.

Following the workshop, the staff refined its initial proposal. The refined proposal is attached hereto. See Attachment A. This ruling serves to incorporate

¹ All statutory references are to the Public Utilities Code unless otherwise indicated.

this proposal into the record of this proceeding. It will be referred to as the “October 13, 2011 Renewable FIT [feed-in tariff] Staff Proposal.”

This ruling also serves to incorporate the following additional materials into the record:

- FERC Qualifying Facility Registration Form 556, referred to as “FERC Form 556.” See Attachment B.
- Modified PowerPoint slides presented by E3 during the September 26, 2011 workshop. These slides will be referred to as the “Modified E3 PowerPoint Slides.” See Attachment C.
- E3 detailed description of the locational adder methodology, referred to as “E3 Detailed Description of Locational Adder Methodology.” See Attachment D.
- Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (PG&E) Standard Contract for Projects up to 1 MW, referred to as “PG&E Contract.” See Attachment E.
- The Agricultural Energy Producers Association (AECA) proposed modifications to PG&E’s contract, referred to as “AECA Proposed Contract Modifications.” See Attachment F.

Parties may file written initial comments and reply comments on the October 11, 2011 Renewable FIT Staff Proposal and the other Attachments according to the following schedule:

Comment Schedule

Initial Comments: November 2, 2011

Reply Comments: November 14, 2011

Parties should organize their comments so that their numbering system corresponds to the number system in the October 13, 2011 Renewable FIT Staff Proposal. Parties should further specifically state their support or opposition to each item in the October 13, 2011 Renewable FIT Staff Proposal and provide a

rationale for their support or opposition. Comments should also include a table of contents and party's name at the bottom of each page.

Additionally, due to my determination that parties will require at least a few weeks to prepared comments on the October 13, 2011 Renewable FIT Staff Proposal, I anticipate issuing a proposed decision toward the end of 2011. I had previously planned to issue a proposed decision in November 2011.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The Commission's staff issues the attached October 13, 2011 Renewable FIT Staff Proposal on pricing and related issued for implementation of the Senate Bill 32 and Senate Bill 2 1X amendments to § 399.20.
2. The attached October 13, 2011 Renewable FIT Staff Proposal by the Commission's staff (Attachment A) is incorporated into the record of this proceeding.
3. The attached FERC Form 556 (Attachment B) is incorporated into the record of this proceeding.
4. The attached Modified E3 PowerPoint Slides (Attachment C) are incorporated into this record of this proceeding.
5. The attached E3 Detailed Description of Locational Adder Methodology (Attachment D) is incorporated into the record of this proceeding.
6. The attached PG&E Contract (Attachment E) is incorporated into the record of this proceeding.
7. The attached AECA Proposed Contract Modifications (Attachment F) is incorporated into the record of this proceeding.
8. Parties may file initial comments on and reply comments on the attached October 13, 2011 Renewable FIT Staff Proposal and the other attachments per the schedule herein.

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Dated October 13, 2011, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ REGINA M. DEANGELIS
Regina M. DeAngelis
Administrative Law Judge

ATTACHMENT A