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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion to actively promote the development of transmission infrastructure to provide access to renewable energy resources for California.

Investigation 08-03-010
(Filed March 13, 2008)

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's Own Motion to actively promote the development of transmission infrastructure to provide access to renewable energy resources for California.

Rulemaking 08-03-009
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**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
ANNOUNCING A WORKSHOP**

1. Introduction

The Commission initiated this Order Instituting Investigation (OII) and Rulemaking (OIR), to consider how to improve transmission access to renewable energy generation through additional streamlining of existing regulatory processes, and to serve as a forum for addressing issues identified in the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative that may require Commission investigation or formal decision.

Energy Division's Transmission Staff continually seeks to improve and streamline the Commission's transmission siting review processes. Toward that end, Transmission Staff has planned a number of public workshops that would

impact both renewable and reliability-based projects, and therefore may be of interest to participants in this OII/OIR. Those workshops will be noticed to the service list in this proceeding, and any proposals arising from those workshops that require Commission action may be considered in this proceeding. One such workshop is scheduled for January 22, 2009.

2. Workshop Notice

<i>Workshop:</i>	California Public Utilities Commission
<i>Date: Jan-22nd 2009</i>	505 Van Ness Avenue
<i>Times: 10:00am – 3:00pm</i>	San Francisco, CA
<i>Location: Auditorium</i>	

The CPUC is seeking to hold a workshop that investigates the development and utilization of technologies and techniques in reducing the environmental footprint of transmission lines. The aim is to gain an understanding of what is available, understand the process by which utilities adopt new technologies, and the constraints that face the adoption of new technologies.

We specifically want to address methods and technology that will make transmission lines more acceptable in their location. The aim is to discuss the facilitation of methods and technologies that result in lower visual and physical presence or requires less disturbance in the construction of transmission projects.

Some key questions we are seeking to address:

- How can new technologies be used to reduce impact, streamline siting and mitigate environmental impact?
- What is available now? What are the next technologies? How close are they to market development?
- What are the barriers to the utilities using the new technologies?
- What are the technical constraints?

- What are the economic constraints?

It has been three years since the last CPUC workshop on transmission technology, so it would be appropriate to revisit the subject and assess progress in development and implementation of so many promising technologies.

The workshop will be facilitated by the Commission's Energy Division staff. If you are a Utility, Vendor or Researcher then we are seeking your contribution to the workshop. For more information please contact Iain Fisher - CPUC: aei@cpuc.ca.gov Tel: 415 355 5580.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. An Energy Division staff workshop on transmission technology is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2009 at the Commission's headquarters in San Francisco.

Dated January 15, 2009, at San Francisco, California.

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Administrative Law Judge

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