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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking Pursuant to
Assembly Bill 2514 to Consider the
Adoption of Procurement Targets for Viable
and Cost-Effective Energy Storage Systems.

Rulemaking 10-12-007
(Filed December 16, 2010)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING ENTERING INITIAL STAFF
PROPOSAL INTO RECORD AND SEEKING COMMENTS**

Pursuant to the Assigned Commissioner and Administrative Law Judge Scoping Memo and Ruling (Scoping Memo) issued on May 31, 2011, Staff served its initial proposal (Initial Staff Proposal) to addressing energy storage policy considerations on December 12, 2011. This Administrative Law Judge's Ruling (Ruling) enters the Initial Staff Proposal into the record of this proceeding and seeks comments from parties on the proposal. Comments shall be due on January 31, 2012; reply comments shall be due on February 21, 2012. Finally, this Ruling revises the schedule for completing Phase 1 of this proceeding.

Discussion

The Initial Staff Proposal, which is included as Attachment A of this Ruling, summarizes potential barriers to energy storage deployment, as identified by parties, and outlines a proposed approach to analyze energy storage. This proposed approach would consist of four major categories: regulatory framework, cost effectiveness, procurement objectives and energy storage roadmap. Staff seeks input from parties regarding the Initial Staff

Proposal and the proposed recommendations. In particular, Section 4.2 of the Initial Staff Proposal identifies specific areas where parties' comments are needed. Accordingly, parties wishing to comment on the Initial Staff Proposal should file their comments by January 31, 2012. Reply comments shall be filed by February 21, 2012.

The schedule adopted in the Scoping Memo had anticipated an Initial Staff Proposal to be distributed for comment and review on October 11, 2011.

However, due to the complexity of issues presented and limitations on staff availability, staff requested additional time to present this proposal.

Consequently, the remaining schedule for the proceeding is revised as follows:

Event	Date
Initial Staff Proposal	December 12, 2011
Comments	January 31, 2012
Replies	February 21, 2012
Final Staff Proposal	March 30, 2012
ALJ Proposed Decision (PD)	Second Quarter 2012
Initial Comments on PD	20 days after PD
Reply Comments on PD	5 days after Comments
Final Decision	Second Quarter 2012

IT IS RULED that:

1. The Initial Staff Proposal (Attachment A) is entered into the record.

2. Parties may comment on the Initial Staff Proposal and respond to the questions presented Section 4.2 of the Initial Staff Proposal. Parties wishing to file comments shall do so by January 31, 2012. Reply comments shall be filed by February 21, 2012.

Dated December 14, 2011, at San Francisco, California.

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Administrative Law Judge