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**CPUC MOVES STATE CLOSER TO ACHIEVING
33 PERCENT RENEWABLE ENERGY GOAL**

SAN FRANCISCO, December 1, 2011 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today moved the state closer to achieving its renewable energy goal by establishing new procurement amounts for the state's utilities in order to meet the target of 33 percent renewable energy by 2020.

The recently enacted Senate Bill 2(1X) made changes to the state's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) program, most notably extending the RPS goal from 20 percent of retail sales to 33 percent by the end of 2020 for the state's investor-owned utilities, community choice aggregators, electric service providers, and publicly owned utilities.

Senate Bill 2(1X) required the CPUC to set interim procurement quantity requirements that the utilities must meet on the path to achieving 33 percent renewable energy retail sales. Today's decision sets those requirements for each of the three compliance periods, 2011-2013, 2014-2016, and 2017-2020. For the first compliance period, each retail seller must procure an average of 20 percent of its retail sales for the entire period from RPS-eligible resources. For the second and third compliance periods, procurement quantities are set so that retail sellers achieve 25 percent by 2016 and 33 percent by 2020. Beyond 2020, retail sales of electricity from eligible renewable energy resources must not be less than 33 percent by the providers.

"This decision sets a clear pathway towards our goal of ensuring that 33 percent of California's electricity is generated from clean, renewable sources," said Commissioner Mark J. Ferron, the lead Commissioner for this proceeding.

President Michael R. Peevey added, “California has set high energy goals in the past, and based on our record, I am encouraged that California’s utilities can achieve the goal of 33 percent of their procured energy from renewable sources by the year 2020.”

The proposal voted on is available at

http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/word_pdf/AGENDA_DECISION/154127.pdf.

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