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

Rulemaking 12-11-005
(Filed November 8, 2012)

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING PURSUANT TO DECISION 02-09-051
REDUCING THE FREQUENCY OF THE RENEWABLE FUEL USE REPORTS
FOR THE SELF-GENERATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

Summary

This ruling reduces the frequency of the filing requirement for the Self-Generation Incentive Program's (SGIP) Renewable Fuel Use Reports from a semi-annual to an annual filing requirement.

On July 23, 2014, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued a ruling that approved, with modifications, Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) June 12, 2014 motion filed on behalf of the SGIP program administrators¹ requesting approval of the program administrators' Plan for Measurement and Evaluation (M&E) Reports for the SGIP for program years 2014 and 2015.² The July 23, 2014 ALJ ruling authorized, among other things, a change in the

¹ The SGIP program administrators are PG&E, Southern California Edison Company, Southern California Gas Company, and the Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE), who administers the SGIP in San Diego Gas & Electric Company's territory.

² See ALJ Ruling Approving Plan for Measurement and Evaluation Reports of the SGIP for Program Years 2014 and 2015 (July 23, 2014) at <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M098/K755/98755196.PDF>.

frequency of the SGIP Renewable Fuel Use Reports filing requirement from semi-annual to annual. However, Decision (D.) 02-09-051 provides that modifications to the Renewable Fuel Use Reports filing schedule may only be made by the Commission or the assigned Commissioner.

Therefore, today I issue this ruling authorizing the change previously granted by the ALJ to reduce the frequency of the filing requirement for the Renewable Fuel Use Reports from semi-annual to annual.

1. Background

The Commission established the SGIP in D.01-03-073. D.01-03-073 also directed the SGIP program administrators to outsource program evaluation to independent consultants and directed the ALJ to establish a schedule for filing of the required evaluation reports.³ In a February 28, 2007 ruling in Rulemaking (R.) 06-03-004, a predecessor rulemaking to the current R.12-11-005, the ALJ approved an M&E Plan for SGIP for Program Years 2006 and 2007. In a February 3, 2009 ruling in R.08-03-008, another predecessor rulemaking to the current R.12-11-005, the ALJ approved an M&E Plan for SGIP for Program Years 2009 through 2011. In a July 23, 2014 ruling, the ALJ approved with modifications the current M&E Plan for SGIP for Program Years 2014 and 2015.

2. Discussion

Ordering Paragraph 9 of D.02-09-051 requires the SGIP program administrators to submit Renewable Fuel Use Reports “within the first six months of the effective date of this decision [D.02-09-051], and every six months thereafter until further notice by the Commission or Assigned Commissioner.”

³ D.01-03-073 at Ordering Paragraph 13.

The above-noted July 23, 2014 ALJ ruling authorized the SGIP program administrators to, among other things, submit the SGIP Renewable Fuel Use Reports annually, rather than semi-annually.

The ALJ made this modification to the filing requirement in response to PG&E's June 12, 2014 M&E plan, which stated that submitting the Renewable Fuel Use Reports every six months has provided limited benefit to the SGIP, as previous Renewable Fuel Use Reports have demonstrated that SGIP systems actually change their fuel use infrequently. PG&E requested that the frequency of Renewable Fuel Use Reports be changed from every six months to annually to reduce program evaluation costs without jeopardizing the ability of Commission staff and the SGIP program administrators to effectively oversee and administer the program.

3. Conclusion

Consistent with D.02-09-051, today's ruling reduces the frequency of the Renewable Fuel Use Reports. My ruling is consistent with the July 23, 2014 ALJ ruling.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that the Renewable Fuel Use Reports for the Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) shall be filed annually going forward, as requested in the June 12, 2014 SGIP Measurement & Evaluation plan. The delivery schedule for these reports for the 2014 and 2015 program years shall be as follows:

Deliverable	Compliance Period	Final Report Due
RFUR #23	12 mos. ending December 2013	August 28, 2014
RFUR #24	12 mos. ending June 2014	February 28, 2015
RFUR #24	12 mos. ending December 2014	August 28, 2015
RFUR #26	12 mos. ending June 2014	February 28, 2016
RFUR #25	12 mos. ending December 2015	August 28, 2016

Dated December 30, 2014, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHAEL R. PEEVEY

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Assigned Commissioner