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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking  
Regarding Policies, Procedures and  
Rules for the Self-Generation Incentive  
Program and Related Issues.

Rulemaking 20-05-012

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING REQUESTING COMMENT**

The need for revisions to Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) requirements for renewable technologies and renewable fuels is included within scope of this proceeding.<sup>1</sup> On October 22, 2020, I issued an Assigned Commissioner's Ruling Seeking Party Comment on Renewable Generation Fuels and Technologies, to which many parties replied.

Based on party comments and staff research, I offer the following questions for additional comment. In answering these questions, please keep in mind the goal of avoiding complex rules for this part of the program, which has funds remaining to provide incentives to approximately 40 projects (if incentive reservations for recent applications are indicative).

Should the Commission revise SGIP renewable generation technology requirements to:

1. Remove directed biofuels as an eligible fuel?
2. Remove internal combustion engines from the list of eligible technologies?

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<sup>1</sup> Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling, August 17, 2020 at 6.

3. Exclude crops grown solely for energy production (commonly referred to as “purpose-grown crops”) as eligible feedstocks for renewable fuels?<sup>2</sup>
4. Limit eligible sources of renewable hydrogen to “green electrolytic hydrogen”?
5. Define green electrolytic hydrogen as hydrogen produced at the project site, or delivered to the project site by vehicle or dedicated pipeline, that was produced through electrolysis using:
  - a. 100 percent renewable electricity, as defined by the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), with the addition of large hydro;
  - b. 100 percent renewable electricity from a RPS purchase program that provides bundled renewable energy credits to the electricity purchaser; and
  - c. excluding hydrogen gas manufactured by any other method?
6. Direct SGIP Program Administrators to issue a single 30-day warning when renewable fuel use documentation is not provided as required, followed by issuance of an infraction and initiation of procedures as outlined in Section 9 of the SGIP handbook if the required information is not provided within 30 days of issuance of the warning?

The Scoping Memo and Ruling I issued on August 17, 2020 asked a number of questions. I seek additional party input on the following questions regarding the Equity Resiliency Budget:

1. Should the Commission clarify the definition of “discrete Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) event” adopted in Decision 20-01-021 to include customer meters deenergized as a result of an actual wildfire?
2. Do Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company

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<sup>2</sup> See Decision 20-12-022 at A-3.

(collectively Investor-Owned Utilities or IOUs) track which customers are deenergized as a result of an actual wildfire?

3. Are there any insurmountable barriers that would prevent the IOUs from identifying customers deenergized as a result of actual wildfires for the SGIP Program Administrators, for Equity Resiliency Budget eligibility purposes, if this clarification is added to the definition of “discrete PSPS event”?

Also, please note that I am seeking additional comment on just a limited number of items where additional input from parties is desired.

**IT IS RULED** that parties shall file comments on the questions in this ruling by no later than 20 days from issuance of this ruling. Reply comments shall be filed no later than 25 days from issuance of this ruling. Opening comments shall be limited to 15 pages and reply comments to five pages.

Dated March 2, 2021, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CLIFFORD RECHTSCHAFFEN

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Assigned Commissioner