

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Revisit Net Energy Metering Tariffs Pursuant to Decision 16-01-044, and to Address Other Issues Related to Net Energy Metering.

Rulemaking 20-08-020

SUPERSEDING E-MAIL RULING CONFIRMING HEARING DATES, SETTING MANDATORY STATUS CONFERENCE, AND OTHER MATTERS

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

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Subject: R2008020 Email Ruling Confirming Hearing Dates, Setting Mandatory Status Conference, and Other Matters

THIS EMAIL RULING SUPERSEDES MY PRIOR RULING EMAILED ON JUNE 30, 2021 AND MAKES NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE OTHER THAN REPLACING THE CONTACT NAME AND INFORMATION FOR "MOHAMAD MIKBEL" WITH THE CONTACT NAME AND INFORMATION FOR "JAMES DONOVAN".

Service List for Rulemaking (R.) 20-08-020:

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The assigned Administrative Law Judge will conduct a *mandatory status conference and equipment test on July 12, 2021, beginning at 1:00 p.m.*

Status Conference and Equipment Test 1:00 p.m. Monday, July 12, 2021

Conference call-in info

Call-In Number: 800-857-1917 Public PASSCODE: 9836397#

Webex information (video only, audio will be via teleconference line):

Webex Link:

https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/onstage/g.php?MTID=ec9d2e4705277666f9b963363c1b

PASSCODE: 2021

Event Number: 146 941 9185

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