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

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Policies, Processes, and Rules to Ensure Reliable Electric Service in California in the Event of an Extreme Weather Event in 2021.

Rulemaking 20-11-003

**E-MAIL RULING SEEKING RESPONSES REGARDING A PROPOSED AMENDED SCOPE AND SCHEDULE TO ADDRESS RELIABILITY ISSUES IN 2022 AND 2023**

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

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responses regarding a proposed amended scope and schedule to address  
reliability issues in 2022 and 2023

Parties to Rulemaking 20-11-003:

On July 30, 2021, Governor Newsom signed an emergency proclamation to “free up energy supply to meet demand during extreme heat events and wildfires that are becoming more intense and to expedite deployment of clean energy resources this year and next year.”

Among the directives included in the July 30, 2021 emergency proclamation is that “all energy agencies shall act immediately to achieve energy stability during this emergency, and the California Public Utilities Commission is requested to do the same. In particular, the California Energy Commission is directed, and the California Public Utilities Commission and the [California Independent System Operator] (CAISO) are requested, to work with the State's load serving entities on accelerating plans for the construction, procurement, and rapid deployment of new clean energy and storage projects to mitigate the risk of capacity shortages and increase the availability of carbon-free energy at all times of day. “

For this reason, we anticipate that an amended scoping ruling and memo (amended scoping ruling) will be issued in this proceeding very soon. We expect this amended scoping ruling will initiate the process to ensure there is adequate supply and demand management to achieve electrical system reliability in 2022 and 2023.

This ruling proposes a potential list of items to be included in the scope of an amended scoping ruling and a potential schedule to resolve these issues. **Parties may comment on the proposed amended scope and schedule by serving and filing a response to this ruling no later than August 6, 2021.**

**Proposed Amended Scope**

In addition to the items currently scoped into the proceeding, refinements and modifications to the following issues may be considered.

- Increase peak and net peak resources in 2022 and 2023
  - Expedited resource procurement
  - Updates to resource adequacy requirements
  - Support for the California Independent System Operator’s Capacity Procurement Mechanism authority
  - Analysis of need – particularly at net peak – and resources available to meet this need, in light of recent trends in weather and resource availability
  - Expedited Integrated Resource Plan procurement
  - Planning Reserve Margin adjustment for 2023
  - Other opportunities to increase supply
- Reduce peak and net-peak demand in 2022 and 2023
  - Flex Alert
  - Critical Peak Pricing
  - Emergency Load Reduction Program Pilot
  - Modifications to existing demand response programs (incl base interruptible program, agricultural and pumping interruptible, air condition cycling)
  - Authorization of another capacity bidding program with dispatch in real-time market
  - Electric vehicle load management
  - Measures to minimize loss of demand response enrollment
  - Other opportunities to reduce demand
  - Energy efficiency measures
  - Microgrids
  - Rate Structures

**Proposed Amended Schedule**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date due</b>
Preliminary ruling issued	August 2, 2021
Scoping Ruling	Early 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of August
Guidance to parties for party proposals	Early 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of August
Staff proposals released to parties	August 16, 2021
Opening testimony	September 1, 2021
Reply testimony	September 10, 2021
Opening legal and policy briefs	September 20, 2021
Reply legal and policy briefs	September 27, 2021
Proposed Decision	October 29, 2021
Final Decision	November 18, 2021

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It is so ruled.

The Commission's Docket Office shall formally file this ruling.

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