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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

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING GRANTING MOTION TO LIMIT
NUMBER OF PAGES FOR RESPONSES TO MAY 9, 2022 RULING AND
EXTEND DEADLINE TO FILE REPLY COMMENTS**

On May 18, 2022, the Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission (Public Advocates Office) filed a motion requesting: (i) page limits for the opening and reply comments to the May 9, 2022 *Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Aside Submission of the Record to Take Comment on a Limited Basis* (Ruling); and (ii) an extension of time for all parties to file reply comments to the Ruling. Pursuant to Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, Rule 11.6, Public Advocates Office polled all parties to ask whether they agreed with the two requests.

Regarding page limits, Public Advocates Office requests the Commission establish a 25-page limit for opening comments to the Ruling and a 10-page limit for reply comments. Public Advocates Office asserts the page limitation is needed to "facilitate issuance of a final decision." (Motion at 3.) Public Advocates Office contends the page limitations "will require parties to focus comments on answering the factual issues detailed in the [Ruling] and deter extraneous and/or repetitive discussions." (Motion at 3.) Pursuant to Rule 11.6,

Public Advocates Office polled all parties on their positions and several parties (California Farm Bureau, California Solar and Storage Association, Grid Alternatives, Ivy Energy, Protect Our Communities Foundation, Solar Energy Industry Association, Sierra Club, Vote Solar, and 350 Bay Area) opposed an originally proposed 15-page limit contending “15 pages would be insufficient for parties to provide the necessary information to the Commission.” (Motion at 2.) Public Advocates Office thus proposes a 25-page limit on opening comments. Public Advocates Office underscores that “extensive evidence has already been submitted on previously identified issues.” (Motion at 2-3.) For regulatory efficiency, it is reasonable to grant the motion to limit opening comments to 25 pages and reply comments to 10 pages.

With respect to the deadline to file reply comments, Public Advocates Office requests an extension from June 24, 2022 to July 1, 2022. In compliance with Rule 11.6, Public Advocates Office polled parties and states that “no party opposes this request.” While this extension would counteract some of the regulatory efficiency gained by implementing a page limit for comments and reply comments, it is reasonable to allow this additional week given the number of comments to which parties will be responding.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The May 18, 2022 motion filed by the Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission is granted.
2. Opening comments to the May 9, 2022 *Administrative Law Judge’s Ruling Setting Aside Submission of the Record to Take Comment on a Limited Basis*, due on June 10, 2022, shall be limited to 25 pages.

3. The deadline for filing reply comments to the May 9, 2022 *Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Aside Submission of the Record to Take Comment on a Limited Basis*, is extended to July 1, 2022. The reply comments shall be limited to 10 pages.

Dated June 2, 2022, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KELLY A. HYMES

Kelly A. Hymes
Administrative Law Judge