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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider Distributed Energy Resource Program Cost-Effectiveness Issues, Data Access and Use, and Equipment Performance Standards.

Rulemaking 22-11-013

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING REQUESTING PARTY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR CONSULTANT AND THE DATA WORKING GROUP

As discussed in the order instituting this rulemaking, the Commission will create a Data Working Group to support the work needed to address the issues in Phase One, Track Two of this proceeding.¹

1. Scope of Work for Consultant

Using the list of contractors under the California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS), the Commission intends to hire a consultant to facilitate, coordinate and manage the work of the Data Working Group. The consultant will report to Energy Division staff and work under their direction and guidance. The draft scope of work for the consultant is attached to this Ruling.

2. Scope of Work and Formation of the Data Working Group

The work of the Data Working Group should include providing actionable recommendations or solutions on the following topics:

¹ Order Instituting Rulemaking (R.22-11-013) at 21.

- 1) Identify types of data needed to:
 - a. enable customers and other entities (such as local governments, researchers, and others) to make informed decisions on selecting, adopting, evaluating, and utilizing DERs,
 - b. increase accuracy of demand forecast from the DER load, and
 - c. align with other DER-related Commission proceedings, particularly R.22-07-005 (Demand Flexibility OIR), R.21-06-017 (High DER Future Grid OIR), Building Decarbonization proceeding and Gas Decommissioning OIR.
 - d. enable local governments to know the impacts of DERs for public health/safety planning, and climate action planning, and
 - e. other data needs.
- 2) Identify additional use cases for each type of data.²
- 3) Identify any barriers to obtaining the data.
- 4) Provide recommendations and/or solutions to existing barriers.
- 5) Identify unresolved barriers, gaps and/or issues.
- 6) Identify any applicable privacy laws by use case.

The Data Working Group should include the investor-owned utilities, state agencies, local and tribal governments, third party implementers, community-based organizations, and other interested parties. The Data Working Group should meet at least once a month over a period of no longer than six months, but the frequency of the meetings should be determined by the interested parties.

² See D.14-05-016 for examples of identified use cases.

3. Party Comments

Based on the information provide in this Ruling, parties are asked to provide comments on

1. the draft scope of work for consultant,
2. the scope of work for the Data Working Group, and
3. formation of the Data Working Group (e.g. membership).

After considering comments from parties, the assigned Administrative Law Judge will issue a ruling creating the Data Working Group and establishing the roles, responsibilities, and scope of work for the consultant that will facilitate and coordinate the Data Working Group meetings.

IT IS RULED that parties may serve and file comments on topics set forth in this Ruling by August 11, 2023.

Dated July 17, 2023, at San Francisco, California.

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Administrative Law Judge