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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 ISSUING THE 2024 AVOIDED COST CALCULATOR STAFF PROPOSAL FOR PARTY INPUT

Through this Ruling, the Staff Proposal prepared by the Commission’s Energy Division for the 2024 Avoided Cost Calculator (ACC) is issued for party input. Energy Division’s Staff Proposal is attached to this Ruling as Attachment A.

In following the proceeding schedule set in the Assigned Commissioner’s Scoping Memo and Ruling (Scoping Memo), Energy Division is to hold a workshop to discuss their Staff Proposal in August of 2023. Discovery and data requests pertaining to the 2024 ACC issues should be completed by October 2, 2023, approximately eight weeks after the issuance of the Staff Proposal. Parties shall serve Opening Testimony on issues related to the 2024 ACC by October 30, 2023, approximately 12 weeks after the issuance of the Staff Proposal, and Rebuttal Testimony by November 20, 2023, approximately 15 weeks after the issuance of the Staff Proposal.

There are three 2024 ACC issues that are to be examined in testimony and briefs under the Phase One, Track One schedule. The three issues, issues 1, 2, and 5 from the Scoping Memo¹ are:

1. What updates are appropriate for the Avoided Cost Calculator (ACC), in accordance with Decision (D.) 22-05-002? What modifications, if any, to the biennial update process are appropriate?
2. Should the Commission adopt guiding principles for the ACC, including principles that ensure alignment with R.20-05-003 (Integrated Resource Planning OIR) and other Distributed Energy Resource (DER)-related proceedings?
3. How should equity issues be considered in evaluating DER cost effectiveness?

Issues 3 and 4 of Phase One, Track One relate to Societal Cost Test and Air Quality Research Report.² Parties have been given the opportunity to provide comments on issues 3 and 4. A proposed decision will be issued addressing issues 3 and 4, separate from a proposed decision addressing issues 1, 2 and 5.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Opening Testimony on issues related to the 2024 Avoided Cost Calculator shall be served by October 30, 2023.
2. Rebuttal Testimony on issues related to the 2024 Avoided Cost Calculator shall be served by November 20, 2023.

Dated August 8, 2023, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELAINE LAU

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Administrative Law Judge

¹ See Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling at 3-4.

² *Ibid.*