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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to
Continue Electric Integrated
Resource Planning and Related
Procurement Processes.

Rulemaking 20-05-003

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SEEKING
COMMENTS ON RELIABLE AND CLEAN POWER
PROCUREMENT PROGRAM STAFF PROPOSAL**

Summary

This ruling invites comments on Attachment A to this ruling titled "Staff Proposal: Reliable and Clean Power Procurement Program" (RCPPP Staff Proposal). This Staff Proposal is a follow-up to the RCPMP Staff Options Paper published with an administrative law judge's (ALJ) ruling seeking party comments on September 8, 2022. Attachment B contains a set of slides summarizing the RCPMP Staff Proposal that will be presented during an upcoming workshop, and Attachment C contains a summary of the party comments on the Staff Options Paper from 2022.

Comments in response to this ruling and the Staff Proposal in Attachment A are invited to be filed and served no later than June 5, 2025, with reply comments filed and served no later than June 26, 2025.

1. Background

Efforts to develop a programmatic approach to electricity procurement in this proceeding have a long history, beginning with the publication of a "Staff Proposal for Resource Procurement Framework in Integrated Resource

Planning” attached to an ALJ Ruling on November 18, 2020. Numerous parties commented on that initial staff paper, which then led to the next iteration titled “Reliable and Clean Power Procurement Program: Staff Options Paper” (RCPPP Staff Options Paper), published as an attachment to an ALJ ruling on September 8, 2022.

Opening comments in response to the Staff Options Paper were filed by the following parties: American Clean Power – California (ACP-CA); Alliance for Retail Energy Markets (AreM); Avangrid Renewables, LLC; California Independent System Operator (CAISO); California Community Choice Association (CalCCA); Calpine Corporation (Calpine); California Wind Energy Association (CalWEA); California Association of Small and Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities (CASMU); California Clean Distributed Generation Coalition; Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies (CEERT); California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA) and Sierra Club, jointly; California Energy Storage Alliance (CESA); Diamond Generating, LLC (Diamond); Environmental Defense Fund (EDF); Fervo Energy Company (Fervo); Green Hydrogen Coalition (GHC); Green Power Institute (GPI); Hydrostor, Inc.; Independent Energy Producers Association (IEP); Large-Scale Solar Association (LSA); Mainspring Energy, Inc. (Mainspring); Middle River Power, LLC (Middle River); Natural Resources Defense Council and Union of Concerned Scientists, jointly; New Leaf Energy, Inc. (New Leaf); Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E); Public Advocates Office (Cal Advocates); RWE Renewables Americas; Small Business Utility Advocates (SBUA); Southern California Edison Company (SCE); San Diego Gas & Electric Company; Shell Energy North America (US), L.P. (Shell); Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA); The Utility Reform Network; and Western Power Trading Forum.

Reply comments in response to the Staff Options Paper were filed by the following parties: ACP-CA; AReM; CAISO; CalCCA; Cal Advocates; Calpine; CalWEA; CASMU; CEERT; CEJA and Sierra Club, jointly; CESA; Diamond; EDF; Fervo; GHC; GPI; IEP; LSA; Mainspring; Middle River; New Leaf; Offshore Wind California; PG&E; SBUA; SCE; SEIA; and Shell.

A summary of the comments and replies on the Staff Options Paper is attached to this ruling as Attachment C.

2. Current Staff Proposal

Using the feedback from parties in response to the September 2022 Staff Options Paper, Commission staff have now developed a Staff Proposal for the RCPPP. It is attached to this ruling as Attachment A. Attachment B contains a set of slides that summarizes the Staff Proposal.

The Staff Proposal is divided into two main parts: a proposal for reliability purposes and a proposal for greenhouse gas reduction purposes. There is also a section of the Staff Proposal that discusses the proposed relationship to centralized procurement of long lead-time resources, as well a section providing a comparison to the 2022 Staff Options Paper.

Commission staff will hold a workshop to present the Staff Proposal and answer parties' questions on Friday, May 16, 2025 beginning at 9 a.m. Details about the workshop will be noticed on the Commission's Daily Calendar and served on the service list for this proceeding.

3. Relationship to Resource Adequacy and Renewables Portfolio Standard Programs

The RCPPP Staff Proposal in Attachment A contains several elements that relate to or overlap with current provisions in both the Resource Adequacy Program and the Renewables Portfolio Standard Program. Therefore, this ruling will be served on the service lists for the current rulemakings covering those two

programs respectively (Rulemakings (R.) 23-10-011 and R.24-01-017). Parties to either or both of those proceedings are invited to file comments in this proceeding in response to the Staff Proposal in Attachment A. If any party to R.23-10-011 and/or R.24-01-017 that wishes to comment in response to this ruling is not already a party in this proceeding, a motion for party status as provided for in Rule 1.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure may be filed before or concurrent with the filing of comments in response to this ruling. Comments in response to this ruling should not be filed in the Resource Adequacy or Renewables Portfolio Standard Rulemakings.

4. Questions for Parties

Section 5 of the Staff Proposal (Attachment A) contains a list of questions to which this ruling is seeking responses from parties. Parties are requested to respond to the questions in the order in which they appear in the Staff Proposal. If parties wish to comment on other aspects of the Staff Proposal that are not directly covered in the specific questions, parties are requested to provide those points at the beginning of their filed comments, before responding to the specific questions in Section 5 of Attachment A.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Attachment A to this ruling, titled "Staff Proposal: Reliable and Clean Power Procurement Program," is hereby entered into the record of this proceeding.
2. Attachment B to this ruling, a set of Powerpoint slides that will be presented in an upcoming workshop, is hereby entered into the record of this proceeding.
3. Attachment C to this ruling, titled "Comment Summary on 2022 Staff Options Paper," is hereby entered into the record of this proceeding.

4. Commission staff will notice and hold a workshop to present Attachments A and B to this ruling on Friday, May 16, 2025 beginning at 9 a.m. Details will be served on the service list and posted on the Commission's Daily Calendar.

5. Interested parties may file and serve comments in response to this ruling and the questions in Section 5 of the Staff Proposal in Attachment A by no later than June 5, 2025.

6. Interested parties may file and serve reply comments in response to this ruling by no later than June 26, 2025.

7. This ruling shall be served on the service lists for the Renewables Portfolio Standard (Rulemaking (R.) 24-01-017) and the Resource Adequacy Rulemaking (R.23-10-011).

Dated April 29, 2025, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JULIE A FITCH

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Administrative Law Judge