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## **CPUC REPORT HIGHLIGHTS CALIFORNIA'S CONTINUED SOLAR SUCCESS**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2, 2014 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today said that Californians continue to harness the power of the sun, in part through the assistance of the California Solar Initiative, which helped customers install 620 megawatts (MW) of power in 2013, a growth of 73 percent over 2012.

In its 2014 Annual Program Assessment report issued this week, the CPUC said that through the end of the first quarter of 2014, an estimated 2,139 MW of solar capacity was installed on the customer side of the meter at 227,141 customer sites in the large investor-owned utility service territories. Of that, the California Solar Initiative General Market Program has installed 1,455 MW, or 83 percent, of its 1,750 MW program goal, with another 225 MW, or 13 percent of the goal, reserved in pending projects.

In January 2007, California began an unprecedented \$3.3 billion effort to install 3,000 MW of new solar over the next decade and transform the market for solar energy by reducing the cost of solar generating equipment. The CPUC's portion of the solar effort is known as the California Solar Initiative. It is the largest customer-side solar rebate program in the country, with a \$2.2 billion budget and a goal of 1,940 MW of solar capacity by the end of 2016 for the general market and low income solar programs.

“As incentives under the California Solar Initiative are sun-setting and solar adoption continues to grow on the customer side, it demonstrates the success of the program's goal of market

transformation,” said Edward Randolph, Director of the CPUC’s Energy Division. “Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison, and San Diego Gas & Electric have reserved and installed enough solar capacity to reach their goals in the residential sector.”

Other highlights of the Program Assessment report include:

- PG&E and SDG&E territories have achieved the most installations in the non-residential sector (commercial, industrial, government, non-profit, and agricultural properties), having met or nearly met 100 percent of their non-residential installation goals.
- Single-Family Affordable Solar Homes program applicants have received or reserved a total of \$77 million of the available \$92 million incentive budget in support for their residential solar systems.
- Multifamily Affordable Solar Housing applicants have received or reserved 100 percent of the available \$95 million incentive budget.
- In just over four years of operation, the CSI-Thermal program has approved 1,665 applications for \$22.7 million in incentives of the available \$205 million budget.
- All but 163 MW, or 9 percent, of solar capacity interconnected to the grid in the three large investor-owned utility territories is signed up for Net Energy Metering.

The report is available at [www.cpuc.ca.gov/NR/rdonlyres/9FBE11AB-1120-4BE1-8C66-8C239E36A641/0/CASolarInitiativeThermalProgramJune2014\\_070114.pdf](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/NR/rdonlyres/9FBE11AB-1120-4BE1-8C66-8C239E36A641/0/CASolarInitiativeThermalProgramJune2014_070114.pdf).

Weekly solar program data is available at [www.CaliforniaSolarStatistics.ca.gov](http://www.CaliforniaSolarStatistics.ca.gov).

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