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CPUC CREATES \$100 MILLION SOLAR FOR MULTIFAMILY AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14, 2017 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today created the Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH) Program directed by Assembly Bill 693 (Eggman) to provide up to \$100 million annually in incentives to increase installation of solar projects on existing multifamily affordable housing in California.

In implementing Assembly Bill 693, the CPUC provided program funding and guidance for the selection and ultimate responsibilities of a statewide Program Administrator for the SOMAH Program. The statewide Program Administrator will be competitively selected from entities responding to a Request for Proposal. The program will ensure that the benefits of solar generation systems, especially the bill credits customers can receive with net metered on-site solar generation, accrue primarily to tenants in affordable housing.

The SOMAH Program, while similar in structure and goals to the Multifamily Affordable Solar Housing program, is a new program with different rules and eligibility requirements, and a new funding source. It will be funded up to \$100 million annually through the greenhouse gas allowance auction proceeds of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison, Liberty Utilities Company, and PacifiCorp.

“We need to be intentional in transitioning our economy to ensure that every part of our society benefits from the cleaning of our energy supplies. This program ensures that residents of affordable multifamily housing are provided the opportunity to participate and benefit from distributed solar,” said Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves, the Commissioner assigned to the proceeding.



“I am pleased that the CPUC has given momentum to the implementation of the Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing Program,” said Assemblymember Susan Talamantes Eggman (D-Stockton). “I appreciate the years of work from all of the stakeholders throughout this process, and look forward to getting this program fully funded and launched as soon as possible. This policy was designed to ensure that families in low income and disadvantaged communities can also reap the benefits of the booming solar energy industry in California, and this decision moves those benefits that much closer to the families that need them.”

The proposal voted on is available at

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M201/K125/201125355.pdf>.

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