

Decision 18-09-031 September 27, 2018

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Continue Implementation and Administration, and Consider Further Development, of California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

Rulemaking 15-02-020

**DECISION CLOSING RULEMAKING 15-02-020**

**Summary**

This decision closes Rulemaking 15-02-020.

**Background**

The Commission initiated Rulemaking (R.) 15-02-020 to continue implementation and administration of the California renewables portfolio standard (RPS) program.<sup>1</sup> A *Scoping Memo* issued in this proceeding on May 22, 2015 established a 24-month deadline for resolving this rulemaking. The *Amended Scoping Memo* issued on February 5, 2016 further extended the deadline to February 4, 2018. On January 19, 2018, an *Order Extending the Statutory Deadline* to August 4, 2018 was issued in order to consider a Commission decision on revisions to RPS enforcement rules in light of Senate Bill 350 (De León), Stats. 2015, Ch. 547. Most recently, on July 26, 2018, an *Order*

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<sup>1</sup> The RPS program is codified at Pub. Util. Code § 399.11 – 399.32.

*Extending the Statutory Deadline* to February 9, 2019, was issued, in order to provide sufficient time for the Commission's formal action closing R.15-02-020.

### **Discussion**

On July 12, 2018, the Commission initiated R.18-07-003 to address ongoing oversight of the RPS program. The issues stated in the May 22, 2015 *Scoping Memo* and February 5, 2016 *Amended Scoping Memo* in R.15-02-020 have been resolved or are transferred to the successor docket R.18-07-003, except for a pending petition for modification of Decision (D.) 12-05-035 and D.13-05-034. Accordingly, we hereby close R.15-02-020 for purposes of Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5. The pending petition for modification will be separately addressed in a future Commission order.

### **Comments on Proposed Decision**

The proposed decision of Administrative Law Judges Simon, Mason and Atamturk in this matter was mailed to the parties in accordance with Section 311 of the Public Utilities Code and comments were allowed under Rule 14.3 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. No comments were received.

### **Assignment of Proceeding**

Clifford Rechtschaffen is the assigned Commissioner; and Anne E. Simon, Robert M. Mason III, and Nilgun Atamturk are the co-assigned Administrative Law Judges in this proceeding.

### **Finding of Fact**

1. All matters in R.15-02-020 have been decided or transferred to the successor proceeding R.18-07-003, with the exception of a pending petition for modification of Commission decisions.

**Conclusion of Law**

1. R.15-02-020 should be closed for purposes of Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5.

**O R D E R**

**IT IS ORDERED** that Rulemaking 15-02-020 is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated September 27, 2018, at Sacramento, California.

MICHAEL PICKER  
President  
CARLA J. PETERMAN  
LIANE M. RANDOLPH  
MARTHA GUZMAN ACEVES  
CLIFFORD RECHTSCHAFFEN  
Commissioners