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ENERGY DIVISION

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R E S O L U T I O N

Resolution E-5459. Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff (BioMAT) Program Year 2027 Forecasted Revenue Requirements Pursuant to D.23-11-084.

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Approves Orange County Power Authority’s, Pioneer Community Energy’s, and Redwood Coast Energy Authority’s Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff (BioMAT) revenue requirements for Program Year 2027.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety concerns.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There is no cost impact to ratepayers as a result of this resolution.

By Advice Letters 15-E, 24-E, 29-E, filed on January 30, 2026 by Orange County Power Authority, Pioneer Community Energy, and Redwood Coast Energy Authority, respectively.

SUMMARY

This Resolution approves Orange County Power Authority’s (OCPA’s), Pioneer Community Energy’s (Pioneer’s), and Redwood Coast Energy Authority’s (RCEA’s) forecasted Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff (BioMAT) program costs. OCPA, Pioneer, RCEA have not executed contracts with any BioMAT facilities and thus forecast zero costs for 2027 and thus seek no forecast revenue requirements for 2027.

BACKGROUND

Overview of the Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff (BioMAT) Program

The Bioenergy Feed-in Tariff Program or the Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff (BioMAT) is a feed-in tariff program for small bioenergy renewable generators 3 MW and less in size. The BioMAT program, as defined in Public Utilities Code § 399.20, offers up to 250 MW to eligible projects through a fixed-price standard power purchase agreement to export electricity to California's three large investor-owned utilities (IOUs) and participating community choice aggregators (CCAs).

In Decision (D.) 14-12-081, the Commission implemented Senate Bill (SB) 1122 (Rubio), Stats. 2012, Chapter 612,¹ setting the quantities of each type of generation to be procured by each of the IOUs and establishing the pricing mechanism and other rules for the BioMAT program. In D.20-08-043, the Commission revised the BioMAT Program and adopted changes to program rules, contract terms, and processes.

Assembly Bill (AB) 843 (Aguiar), Stats. 2021, Chapter 234 authorized CCAs to submit eligible bioenergy projects for cost recovery pursuant to the BioMAT program. Under AB 843, CCAs were permitted to submit projects if unsubscribed capacity existed within the 250 MW BioMAT program capacity target. In addition, AB 843 required that every kilowatt-hour (kWh) of electricity purchased from a CCA bioenergy project count towards the CCA's RPS procurement requirements and the procurement requirements of the electrical corporation where a CCA provides service. Likewise, the physical generating capacity of a CCA BioMAT project would count towards the CCA's resource adequacy (RA) requirements.

The Commission implemented AB 843 in D. 23-11-084, which revised the BioMAT program to integrate the IOUs and CCAs into a common web-based procurement platform, incorporating a Third-Party Administrator to assist with independent management of the program queue, and allowing each participating Load Serving Entity (LSE) access to Non-Bypassable Charges (NBCs) to offset certain BioMAT procurement charges.

NOTICE

Notice of Orange County Power Authority (OCA) Advice Letter (AL) 15-E, Pioneer Community Energy's (Pioneer) AL 24-E, and Redwood Coast Energy

¹ Senate Bill (SB) 1122 (Rubio), Stats. 2012, ch. 612, created a new bioenergy feed-in tariff within the procurement programs of the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS).

Authority's (RCEA) AL 29-E was made by distribution to the Service List in accordance with Section 4 of General Order 96-B.

PROTESTS

No protests were received for OCPA AL 15-E, Pioneer AL 24-E, and RCEA AL 29-E.

DISCUSSION

The Commission has reviewed OCPA AL 15-E, Pioneer AL 24-E, and RCEA AL 29-E and finds that OCPA's, Pioneer's, and RCEA's request for approval of a zero cost forecast revenue requirements for 2027 is reasonable.

Consistency with D.23-11-084

Four CCAs – OCPA, Pioneer, RCEA, and Central Coast Community Energy² (the Participating CCAs) were approved to join the BioMAT program in 2024. The Participating CCAs were each required pursuant to D. 23-11-084 to annually file a Tier 3 AL seeking Commission approval of “eligible BioMAT forecasted revenue requirements recorded in CCA balancing accounts that reflect BioMAT program net costs, including Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) costs, Accion BioMAT platform integration costs, and independent third-party vendor costs required for joint CCA/investor-owned utility (IOU) program administration.”³

Pursuant to D.23-11-084, Participating CCA costs eligible for recovery under the BioMAT program fall into three categories: (1) Accion Group, LLC website costs; (2) independent third-party administrator (TPA) costs; and (3) BioMAT PPA costs.

Website and Third-Party Administrator services Costs

The Participating CCAs previously provided a CCA-Accion Agreement which incorporates two Statements of Work (SOWs) negotiated by the Participating CCAs, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, San Diego

² Central Coast Community Energy filed AL 51-E on February 2, 2026, and will have a separate Resolution that disposes of the Advice Letter requesting approval of its 2027 Forecasted Revenue Requirement pursuant to D.23-11-084.

³ D.23-11-084 at OP 12.

Gas & Electric Company, and Accion regarding both the joint BioMAT program website and TPA services that Accion provided for the BioMAT program.⁴

Pioneer and RCEA provide that per D.20-08-043, the BioMAT program sunsetted on December 31, 2025 and Accion services, which includes website services, will cease by 2027. OCPA, Pioneer, and RCEA therefore have no forecasted revenue requirements for 2027 for the Accion services.

PPA costs

OCPA, Pioneer, and RCEA each state that they have not signed any BioMAT PPAs and thus have no forecasted PPA costs for 2027.

Energy Division has reviewed ALs 15-E, 24-E, and 29-E and find that a forecast of no PPA costs is reasonable because OCPA, Pioneer, and RCEA do not have any executed BioMAT PPAs.

Total Costs

After Commission approval of the Participating CCAs' annual forecasted revenue requirements ALs, the Decision requires the IOUs to "include the Commission-approved CCA BioMAT costs in their October Updates to their ERRA forecast applications which will be utilized by the Commission to issue final decision(s) in these proceedings."⁵

The OCPA, Pioneer, and RCEA ALs provide that BioMAT program "net costs" for the Program Year 2027 will be zero dollars.⁶ We have reviewed ALs 15-E, 24-E, and 29-E. We agree that seeking a zero-dollar forecast is reasonable.

⁴ See Joint CCA Tier 2 BioMAT AL submitted on January 29, 2024, Appendix G, which was approved on April 29, 2024.

⁵ D.23-11-084 at OP 12.

⁶ Website and TPA costs for Program Years 2024 and 2025 were previously recovered via the IOUs' ERRAs. Given that the websites are now established only TPA costs will be recovered consistent with D.23-11-084.

Report on PPAs Executed During Each Quarter of Prior Year

D.23-11-084 requires each participating CCA to include in the Tier 3 AL that requests forecasted revenue requirement “a report on BioMAT power purchase agreements executed during each quarter of the prior year.”⁷

OCPA, Pioneer, and RCEA each state they have not executed any BioMAT PPAs in the prior year.

Because the Participating CCAs each reported on PPAs executed during each quarter of the prior year, their ALs are consistent with D.23-11-084’s executed PPA reporting requirement.

Finally, prior to filing their Tier 3 ALs, D.23-11-084 requires each Participating CCA to convene with the IOU in whose territory the CCA is located “to identify and resolve issues as much as possible with the intent to facilitate timely approval of CCA BioMAT ALs.” OCPA’s, Pioneer’s, and RCEA’s ALs provide that alongside their trade association, California Community Choice Association, they previously collaborated with the IOUs on issues related to their February 1, 2024 Tier 3 AL filings to facilitate its timely approval, but that this year’s filing did not require any further collaboration because no issues were raised.

COMMENTS

This is an uncontested matter in which the resolution grants the approval requested. Accordingly, pursuant to Pub. Util. Code Section 311(g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

FINDINGS

1. Four Community Choice Aggregators, Orange County Power Authority, Pioneer Community Energy, Redwood Coast Energy Authority, and Central Coast Community Energy, have authorized BioMAT programs.
2. Because the BioMAT program sunsetted on December 31, 2025, Accion services will cease by 2027 and OCPA, Pioneer, and RCEA will have no forecasted revenue requirements for 2027 for Accion Group, LLC website costs and independent third-party administrator costs.

⁷ D.23-11-084 at OP 12.

3. Orange County Power Authority, Pioneer Community Energy, and Redwood Coast Energy Authority have not executed contracts with any BioMAT facilities.
4. It is reasonable for Orange County Power Authority, Pioneer Community Energy, and Redwood Coast Energy Authority to seek no forecast revenue requirements for 2027 because Orange County Power Authority, Pioneer Community Energy, and Redwood Coast Energy Authority forecast zero costs for 2027.
5. Orange County Power Authority, Pioneer Community Energy, and Redwood Coast Energy Authority provided reports on executed BioMAT power purchase agreements.
6. Orange County Power Authority, Pioneer Community Energy, and Redwood Coast Energy Authority previously met with the IOUs in whose territories the CCAs are located to identify and resolve issues but did not need additional collaboration on this because there were no issues raised.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The requests of Orange County Power Authority, Pioneer Community Energy, and Redwood Coast Energy Authority for approval of zero dollar (\$-0-) forecasted revenue requirements for 2027 as requested in Orange County Power Authority Advice Letter 15-E, Pioneer Community Energy Advice Letter 24-E, and Redwood Coast Energy Authority Advice Letter 29-E, are approved.
2. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall each include zero (\$-0-) Orange County Power Authority, Pioneer Community Energy, and Redwood Coast Energy Authority BioMAT costs in their October Updates to their 2027 Energy Resource Recovery Account forecast applications.

This Resolution is effective today.

Commissioner Signature blocks to be added
upon adoption of the resolution

The foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California held on June 11, 2026 the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

Dated June 11, 2026, at Sacramento, California