

February 11, 2011

Meredith Allen
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Dear Ms. Allen:

The California Public Utilities Commission would like to invite you to attend a Stakeholders' Collaborative Meeting to discuss Smart Grid Deployment in California with the Department of Energy's Undersecretary of Science, Steven Koonin. This meeting will be held on Tuesday March 8, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. at the California Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco.

California laws are imposing dramatic technological changes upon the state's electricity system. Specifically, the state mandated Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), goals of significant reductions in carbon emissions, and emissions standards placed on imported electricity will undoubtedly lead to a higher level of future grid uncertainty in an effort to meet these requirements. The objective of this meeting is to foster dialogue regarding deploying Smart Grid technologies in California and designing the Roadmap for applying Smart Grid simulations.

Undersecretary Koonin would like to gain a better understanding of the challenges that exist with respect to California's generation and transmission integration as we proceed with the deployment of smart grid technologies and implementation of the state mandated RPS. Additionally, Undersecretary Koonin is quite interested in exploring how to capitalize on the United States' competitive advantage in High Performance Computing Simulation to provide state regulators and policymakers with additional energy systems analysis and planning capabilities.

Please see attached Collaborative Stakeholder Meeting Agenda for further details. If you have any questions and to RSVP at your earliest convenience, please contact Carol Brown, Chief of Staff to President Peevey, at cab@cpuc.ca.gov or (415) 703-2971.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Peevey
President