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This email is to announce the restarting of the Rule 21 Working Group. The first meeting will be held:

Friday, April 29, 2011, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Auditorium, California Public Utilities Commission

505 Van Ness Ave.

San Francisco, CA

Please RSVP by completing this form: <https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/rule21/>.

The intent of the Rule 21 Working Group is to build consensus among the CPUC, IOUs, generators, and advocates for Rule 21 reforms to meet the technical needs and policy goals of interconnecting distributed generation. The Rule 21 Working Group succeeded at this goal in its past work, making California's Rule 21 a national model tariff establishing metering and operating standards for interconnecting distributed generation resources. Following three years of changes in the statutory, technological, and generator context, however, Rule 21 is widely agreed to be in need of reconsideration.



The purpose of this kickoff meeting is to initiate discussion of the issues emerging under Rule 21 that may be hindering the achievement of California's distributed generation goals. Below are examples of such issues that CPUC has identified:

- Need for transparency in terms of processing, queue information, and customer application information;
- Need for review and potential reconsideration of technical screens within Rule 21 to ensure that the appropriate issues are being studied;
- Need for articulation of cost allocation methodology where network upgrades are required;
- Need for review of utility tariff consistency with each other and with state law;
- Need for additional standard interconnection agreements to accommodate the different types of distributed generation projects anticipated to come online.

CPUC would like to strongly encourage in-person participation at this meeting, although phone-in participation will also be available. A more detailed agenda is forthcoming.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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