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Subject: Notification: Distribution System Interconnection Summit - Settlement Process

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Rule 21 Working Group Attendees and Parties to Service Lists R.10-05-004, R.11-05-005, R.08-08-009, R.08-06-024, and A.08-11-001:

The staff of the California Public Utilities Commission is pleased to inform you that the CPUC is sponsoring settlement discussions as the next step in the "Rule 21 Working Group" process. Our goal is to reach a global settlement on issues regarding distributed generation interconnection to the investor-owned utility distribution system in California.

This is an ambitious undertaking, and will require active participation, in a spirit of good faith, by all stakeholder parties with an interest in distribution-level interconnection issues. We also anticipate drawing upon the expertise of other governmental bodies as part of this stakeholder process.

Commission staff's goal is to have the parties reach terms on a comprehensive, multi-jurisdictional interconnection tariff (and associated forms of agreement) by December 31, 2011, for presentation to the Commission for approval, and possible subsequent approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

This settlement process will continue a stakeholder process begun in recent months under the auspices of the CPUC's Rule 21 Working Group. The next stakeholder meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time in the CPUC's Courtyard Room. This meeting was previously noticed in the CPUC Daily Calendar as the Rule 21 Working Group Business Practices Subcommittee. As previously announced, the focus of the August 23 discussion will be proposed revisions to Rule 21 business practices.

Commission staff also anticipate presenting to the Commission in September a proposed Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR) on interconnection-related issues. Staff's goal is that the settlement discussions among the stakeholder parties will resolve issues identified in such an OIR.

Staff strongly encourage all stakeholders with an interest in interconnection issues to participate in the settlement discussions.

The settlement discussions will take place under CPUC and FERC settlement rules (CPUC Rules of Procedure 12.1 through 12.7, and FERC Rule 602 (18 CFR § 385.602)). These rules require individuals and entities with an interest in distribution-system interconnection to become "parties" to the settlement discussions.

Accordingly, persons or entities who wish to participate as parties to the settlement discussions must e-mail Rachel Peterson at RP1@cpuc.ca.gov. The e-mail should state:

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Organization (if any)

Mailing address

Phone number

E-mail address

The e-mail should also confirm your agreement to abide by the CPUC and FERC settlement rules, and in particular, the rules regarding confidentiality of settlement communications.

Once your e-mail is received by Ms. Peterson, your name and your organization (if any) will be added to a list of “Settlement Parties,” to ensure that you will receive all future relevant communications regarding the settlement discussions.

Only one person per organization needs to formally agree to the settlement rules, and that will bind the entire organization. The exception is that where an organization represents a coalition of interested parties, each individual organization within the coalition should have a representative agree to the settlement rules.

Going forward, all settlement-related communications should be labeled “Confidential Settlement Communication – Do Not Disclose To Non-Settlement Participants”.

A party with a demonstrable interest in the settlement discussions may join at any time. Our goal is to make this an open and participatory stakeholder process.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

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