

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Continue
Implementation and Administration of
California Renewables Portfolio Standard
Program.

Rulemaking 11-05-005
(Filed May 5, 2011)

LATE-FILED NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

Pursuant to Rule 8.3 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies (CEERT) hereby gives notice of the following late-filed ex parte communication.

The communication occurred on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. The communication was oral and took place at the Commission's offices at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California 94102.

The communication was initiated by Danielle Osborn Mills, Policy Director for CEERT. Present at the time of the communication was Michael Colvin, advisor to Commissioner Mark Ferron. The following were also present at the time of the communication: Ed Randolph, Director of the Commission's Energy Division; Paul Douglas, Supervisor of the Energy Division's Renewable Development and Market Procurement Section; Jaclyn Marks, analyst in the Energy Division's Renewable Development and Market Procurement Section; Mike Tollstrup, Chief of the Project Assessment Branch of the California Air Resources Board (CARB); and V. John White, Executive Director for CEERT.

Ms. Mills stated that methane capture technologies could be important to meeting California's energy and climate goals, including participation in the Renewable Feed In Tariff (FIT) that is currently being considered as part of the implementation of Senate

Bill (SB) 32 in this proceeding. Mr. White suggested that data produced by CARB could be used by the Commission in analyzing the utility costs that would be avoided through energy procurement from methane capture technologies.

Mr. White further stated that reliance on the Renewable Auction Mechanism (RAM) to set FIT prices would not establish an appropriate price for utility procurement of generation from methane reduction technologies or solar technologies less than 1 MW in size. Mr. White concluded that the Commission should consider alternatives to the RAM, including apportioning the 750 MW SB 32 program cap between various technologies (e.g., biogas, solar less-than 1 MW, and solar between 1-3 MWs) to promote broader application of the FIT and resource diversity.

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