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Subject: Renewable Net Short Workshop Agenda and Staff Proposal

Workshop Agenda and Staff Proposal

Subject: RPS Renewable Net Short (RNS) Methodology

June 12, 2012, 12PM-4PM

California Public Utilities Commission

Auditorium

505 Van Ness Avenue

San Francisco, CA. 94102

Note: A dial-in number is not available for this workshop due to technical issues

Background:

On April 5, 2012 Commissioner Ferron issued an Assigned Commissioner Ruling (ACR) in

R.11-05-005 identifying issues and a schedule of review for the 2012 Renewables Portfolio Standard Procurement Plans. These RPS Plans were submitted to the Commission on May 23, 2012. Retail sellers are also permitted to provide changes to the plans by August 1, 2012. Specifically, the ACR requires that the large IOUs and ESPs (LSEs) provide a quantitative assessment in their RPS Plans that forecasts the additional renewable generation required (i.e. net short) to comply with RPS procurement quantity requirements recently adopted by the Commission in D.11-12-020. The renewable net short (RNS) is defined as the amount of new renewable generation necessary for LSEs to meet or exceed the renewable target. The process for calculating the net short includes forecasting the renewable target and then subtracting the renewable supply forecast. The renewable supply forecast is defined as the forecasted amount of renewable generation from contracted facilities both online and under development.

The April 5, 2012 ACR also directs Energy Division Staff to hold a workshop for LSEs and all interested parties to develop a methodology, inputs, and format, as needed, for reporting RPS portfolio needs and procurement net short. Given that the workshop will be after the May 23, 2012 filing of the draft procurement plans, the April 5, 2012 ACR requires the LSEs to submit an updated net short calculation by August 1, 2012 for each compliance year from 2011 to at least 2020 using the new standardized Commission adopted net short methodology.

Purpose of the workshop:

Energy Division Staff's objective is to develop a standardized net short methodology and corresponding set of assumptions to inform and guide the State's RPS procurement process, which includes:

- 1) the evaluation and approval of renewable projects based on portfolio need
- 2) 2) the coordination of annual renewable procurement with CAISO's transmission planning process
- 3) 3) to inform the broader resource planning initiative in the Commission's Long-term Procurement Plan (LTPP) process for determining total long-term system needs.^[1]

Based on party responses to Energy Division's June 1, 2012 RNS questions, Energy Division Staff developed a proposal for standardizing the renewable net short methodology. The proposal is outlined on pages 4 – 6 of the attached document.

This proposal will be vetted by parties at the Energy Division workshop scheduled for June 12, 2012 in the CPUC Auditorium at 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA. Due to technical difficulties, a dial-in number will not be provided for participants that cannot attend the workshop.

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[1] Currently the 2012 LTPP, R.12-03-014.