

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Integrate
and Refine Procurement Policies and
Consider Long-Term Procurement Plans.

Rulemaking 12-03-014
(Filed March 22, 2012)

NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”), GenOn Energy, Inc. (“GenOn”) provides notice of the following *ex parte* communication.

On November 13, 2012, Sean Beatty, Director, West Regulatory Affairs for GenOn, met with Matthew Tisdale, advisor to Commissioner Florio, from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The meeting occurred at the Commission’s offices in San Francisco. GenOn requested the meeting. No written materials were used.

During the meeting, Mr. Beatty explained that in the current regulatory environment, the Commission should assume that development of new generation will take at least seven years. Given the 2020 deadline pertaining to compliance with once-through cooling regulations applicable to GenOn’s facilities in the Big Creek/Ventura local capacity area, Mr. Beatty urged the Commission to make a decision in this docket as to Big Creek/Ventura’s generation needs, instead of delaying a decision for Big Creek/Ventura as some parties have advocated. Mr. Beatty also stated that there is sufficient evidence in the record to determine that an additional alternatives analysis is not required.

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Respectfully submitted,

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