

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
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**NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS
OF THE DIVISION OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES**

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Pursuant to Rules 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) submits this notice of *ex parte* communications in the above-captioned matter.

On May 1, 2013 at approximately 3:40 p.m., DRA analyst Selena Huang, had a telephone conversation with Colette Kersten, advisor to Commissioner Sandoval. The conversation lasted approximately 10 minutes. DRA initiated the communication.

Later on May 1, 2013, at 4:13 p.m., Ms. Huang sent Ms. Kersten an e-mail following up on the phone conversation and forwarding Ms. Kersten a copy of DRA's comments on Draft Resolution E-4582. The e-mail is appended to this notice as Attachment A.

On May 2, 2013, at approximately 11:00 a.m., Ms. Huang met with Marcelo Poirer, advisor to Commissioner Florio. The meeting was held at the Commission's offices, located at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California and lasted approximately 15 minutes. DRA initiated the communication.

Later on May 2, 2013, Ms. Huang met with Scott Murtishaw, advisor to President Peevey. The meeting was held at the Commission's office, located at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California, commenced at 2:30 p.m. and lasted approximately 15 minutes. DRA initiated the communication.

On May 6, 2013 at approximately 9:45 a.m., Ms. Huang had a telephone conversation with Rachel Peterson, advisor to Commissioner Peterman. The conversation lasted approximately 10 minutes. DRA initiated the communication.

Later on May 6, 2013, at 10:02 a.m., Ms. Huang sent Ms. Peterson an e-mail following up on the phone conversation and forwarding Ms. Peterson a copy of DRA's comments on Draft Resolution E-4582. The e-mail is appended to this notice as Attachment B.

In addition, on Monday, May 6, 2013, at approximately 1:00 p.m., Ms. Huang met with Sara Kamins, advisor to Commissioner Ferron. The meeting was held at the Commission's offices, located at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California and lasted approximately 10 minutes. DRA initiated the communication.

In each of the above-described communications, DRA provided written materials, a copy of which is appended as Attachment C. In each of these meetings, DRA explained that the Commission should modify the Draft Resolution E-4582 to delay the fourth and fifth Renewable Auction Mechanism (RAM) solicitations to better align with utility need. DRA also stated that given the existing requirement that RAM projects must achieve commercial operation within 24 months of Commission approval, closing the fourth RAM on June 28, 2013 would mean that a project selected from the fourth RAM would achieve commercial operation by the end of 2015, in the middle of the second Compliance Period (CP), at a time when each of the three investor-owned utilities is projected to be net long in their Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) compliance positions. DRA further explained that it generally supported authorizing a fifth RAM solicitation, but since the Commission should delay the fourth RAM solicitation to better align with utility need, the fifth RAM solicitation should be delayed until after the close of the fourth RAM solicitation.

Copies of this notice can be obtained by calling or sending e-mail to Sue Muniz at (415) 703-1858 or sam@cpuc.ca.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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