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Subject: R.12-06-013 RROIR Status Update - 10/16/2013

Dear Parties to Rulemaking 12-06-013,

The purpose of this email is to give parties an informal update on the status of Rulemaking 12-06-013 in light of the recent adoption of AB 327. There will be several formal rulings in the next few weeks, but in the meantime here is a quick roadmap of what to expect:

- (1) **Scope.** We will retain the original scope of the proceeding on rate design structures that are equitable, meet the Commission's rate policy objectives, and support the Commission's ability to implement electricity policies. We will, however, shift our focus towards rate designs that are within the parameters of existing law as revised by AB 327, and away from rate designs that might require significant legislative change to be implemented.

- (2) **Staff Paper.** We expect to issue a staff proposal for comment in the near future. The Energy Division draft proposal will include proposed changes to residential electric rate design that aim to satisfy Commission policy priorities and comply with the remaining legislative mandates of Assembly Bill (AB) 327 (Perea, 2013). The staff paper proposal draws upon (a) the proposals and comments made by parties earlier in this proceeding, (b) the extent to which rate design changes are permitted under AB 327, and (c) studies and data cited by parties as well as other publicly available sources.

- (3) **2014 Rates.** We understand that in the near-term utilities may seek to apply for 2014 summer rate changes consistent with AB 327. To avoid rate uncertainty and inconsistency, we would like any 2014 summer rate change applications to be addressed in an efficient and prompt manner. We will be issuing a ruling providing procedural and policy guidance on this issue in the near future which may include a rate-setting phase of the proceeding.

Thank you.

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