

#### CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

In the matter of the Design of the New Solar Homes Partnership and Order Instituting Rulemaking Reg

Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Policies, Procedures and Rules for California Solar Initiative, the Self-Generation Incentive Program and Other Distributed Generation Issues

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### **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

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Rulemaking 06-03-004

Notice of Workshop on Affordable Housing

# NOTICE OF JOINT WORKSHOP BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION AND CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will conduct a joint workshop to discuss the role of affordable housing in the Energy Commission's New Solar Homes Partnership and the CPUC's California Solar Initiative (CSI) incentive program. Commissioner John Geesman is the Presiding Member, and Vice Chair Jackalyne Pfannenstiel is the Associate Member of the Energy Commission's Renewables Committee, which is assigned to develop the New Solar Homes Partnership. President Michael Peevey is the Assigned Commissioner for CSI, and Commissioner Dian Grueneich is the Assigned Commissioner for low-income issues at the CPUC.

June 13, 2006
9:30 a.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California
Hearing Room A
(Wheelchair Accessible)

Audio from this meeting will be broadcast over the Internet.

For details, please go to:

www.energy.ca.gov/webcast/

# To participate in the meeting by phone, call 888-730-9135 by 9:30 a.m. Passcode: Housing

Call Leader: Diana Chong

# **Purpose**

The Energy Commission and CPUC are embarking on a 10 year solar initiative to achieve 3,000 megawatts (MW) of solar power in California by 2016. Both Commissions are committed to including the affordable housing market in this state effort.

This workshop provides a forum for both the Energy Commission and the CPUC to receive stakeholder input on how components of our respective programs should be structured to best fit the affordable housing community's needs.

## **Background**

In January 2006 the CPUC adopted Decision 06-01-024 establishing the CSI with the goal of creating a sustainable solar market in California. This decision states that the CPUC will implement a solar incentive program that addresses the non-residential and existing housing markets. Decision 06-01-024 and the Joint Staff Proposal for the general building markets can be found at:

[http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/energy/solar/\_index.htm]. The CPUC intends to develop a proposed affordable housing component by this fall, with final action in early 2007.

Decision 06-01-024 recognized the Energy Commission's intent to implement a solar incentive program for the new residential market. The Energy Commission's *Draft Staff Proposal on the New Solar Homes Partnership* (Draft Staff Proposal) describes the goals, rationale, and elements of the New Solar Homes Partnership, concentrating on the production homes market with no detail at this time on the affordable housing market. The Draft Staff Proposal can be found online at:

[http://www.energy.ca.gov/2006publications/CEC-300-2006-010/CEC-300-2006-010-D.PDF].

Both the Energy Commission and the CPUC recognize that California's housing industry and affordable housing communities have interests that may span the market segments that each of the agencies intends to target in their respective solar programs. Beyond this joint workshop, the Commissions recognize that more coordination may be necessary to establish highly effective programs. The Commissions may elect to hold additional joint workshops or proceed with individual forums better suited to structuring the affordable housing elements of each program.

# **Agenda Topics for the Workshop**

- Overview of California Solar Initiative
- Overview of Affordable Housing in California
- Expectations and Goals for Solar in Affordable Housing

- Program Implementation Issues (for example, incentive structure, energy efficiency integration, financing, administration)
- Implementation Strategies and Next Steps

#### **Written Comments**

The Energy Commission and The CPUC request that written comments on the workshop topics be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2006. Please include "California Solar Initiative and New Solar Homes Partnership Affordable Housing comments" in the subject line and first paragraph of your comments.

Written comments should be sent to the Energy Commission only; it is not necessary for comments to be filed with the CPUC at this time. CPUC staff can access the comments filed at the Energy Commission. The CPUC intends to hold further workshops and/or provide stakeholders an opportunity for written comment at a later date, possibly in response to a draft staff proposal, in order to develop a record on low-income and affordable housing issues within the context of the CSI at the CPUC.

The Energy Commission and the CPUC encourage comments by electronic mail (e-mail). Please include your name or organization's name in the file. Those submitting comments by e-mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word® format or as a Portable Document Format (PDF) to: [docket@energy.state.ca.us]. Comments hand delivered or submitted by mail should include an original plus 10 copies to:

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Participants may also provide an original and 10 copies at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Unit and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

### **Public Participation**

The Energy Commission and the CPUC encourage all Californians to participate in their meetings, hearing, workshops, and proceedings. If you have questions regarding how you can participate in this workshop, please contact either:

• The Energy Commission's Public Adviser, Margret J. Kim, by phone at: (916) 654-4489 or toll free at: (800) 822-6228, by FAX at: (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at: [pao@energy.state.ca.us].

• The CPUC's Public Advisor, Karen Miller, by phone at: (415) 703-2074 or toll free at: (866) 849-8390, by TTY at: (415) 703-5282 or toll free TTY at: (866) 836-7825, by FAX at (415) 355-5404, or by e-mail at [public.advisor@cpuc.c.gov].

If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

Please direct all news media inquiries to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director, at: (916) 654-4989. If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this forum, please call Diana Chong, at (916) 653-1628 or via e-mail at: [dchong@energy.state.ca.us].

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