CPUC Climate Policies and California's GHG Emissions Reduction Goals

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CPUC Policy Priorities

- Energy Action Plan I & II
- The Loading Order for new resources
- Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Regulation
- Research, Development and Demonstration
- California Climate Action Registry



The "Loading Order" sets priorities for utilities' acquisition of new resources





Renewable Energy



Clean and Efficient Fossil-fired Energy

Efficiency and Demand Response



Climate Action Team projections of GHG Reductions from CPUC Policies

		2010	2020
•	IOU EE programs	4.0	8.8
•	Additional IOU EE	NA	6.3
•	Accelerated RPS	5.0	11.0
•	California Solar Initiative	0.4	3.0
•	IOU CHP Initiative	1.1	4.4
•	IOU Electricity Sector	1.6	2.7
	carbon policy*		



CPUC Carbon Policy: Initial Steps

• 2004: Environmental Risk Adder

 Utilities must add in \$8/CO2 for carbon based resources when evaluating new supplies.

• 2005: GHG Performance Standard

- New long term base-load supplies must meet or beat GHG emissions levels of CCGT.
- Effectively requires new coal-fired generation to include capacity to capture and store CO2 safely.



Load-Based GHG Cap

- Load-based cap will be applied to all CPUCjurisdictional LSEs.
- Initially CO2, eventually other Kyoto gases
- Includes emissions from imported electricity
- Seeking compatibility with
 - Multi-sector cap proposed in CAT report
 - RGGI initiative
 - EU Emissions Trading System

Implementation Issues

- Reporting standards and requirements
- Establishment of baseline and cap
- Allocation of allowances
- Limiting leakage
- Flexible compliance mechanisms
 - Banking/Borrowing
 - Offsets
 - Trading



Challenge #1: Limiting Leakage





Challenge #2: a balkanized grid



- CPUC jurisdiction covers about 80% of electricity loads.
- Municipal utilities serve much of the balance
- AB32 would cap GHG emissions from IOUs, ESPs, and munis