

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Docket Number 16-RPS-03

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Energy Commission (CEC), as lead agency under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a proposed Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study for the proposed Modification of Regulations Specifying Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities project.

Project Location

The proposed project is a statewide rulemaking proceeding with no physical location.

Project Description

The proposed project consists of modifying existing regulations specifying procedures for the enforcement of the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) for local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs) under Article 16 (commencing with section 399.11) of Chapter 2.3 of Part 1 of the Public Utilities Code. The proposed regulations will update the RPS program for POUs to implement changes to RPS procurement requirements, optional compliance measures, reporting requirements, and special exemptions and exclusions. The proposed regulations will also update other aspects of the program to facilitate implementation and improve clarity.

Public Review

The Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration for the proposed Modification of Regulations Specifying Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities are available for persons that wish to review and comment. These documents are available for review on the [CEC's docket log](#) for this proceeding at

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=16-RPS-03>.

Public Comment

The proposed Negative Declaration will undergo a 30-day public review period during which public comments will be received, beginning July 10, 2020 and ending August 10, 2020. Comments may be made orally or in writing.

Oral Comment: The CEC will accept oral comments during the public hearing scheduled for August 12, 2020, as described below. Comments at this hearing may be limited to three minutes per speaker and one speaker per organization.

Written Comments: Written comments regarding the proposed Negative Declaration must be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on **August 10, 2020**.

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any Internet search engine.

The CEC encourages use of its electronic filing system to submit comments. Visit the [comment page for the rulemaking docket 16-RPS-03](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=16-RPS-03) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=16-RPS-03>, which links to the comment page for this docket. Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comment(s). Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached in a downloadable, searchable Microsoft® Word (.doc, .docx) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf) file. Maximum file size is 10 MB.

Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include the docket number 16-RPS-03 and *Amendments to Regulations Specifying Enforcement Procedures for the Renewables Portfolio Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities* in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy of written comments may also be sent to:
California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 16-RPS-03
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Public Adoption Hearing

The CEC will host a remote-access public hearing for consideration and possible adoption of the proposed regulations on the following date and time unless the CEC decides to consider changes to the Express Terms of the proposed regulations.

CEC Business Meeting
August 12, 2020
10:00 a.m.

At this adoption hearing, any person may present oral or written comments on the proposed regulations. Persons may submit written comments as specified above.

Audio for the August 12, 2020, adoption hearing will be available by telephone and will be broadcast over the internet via Zoom. The adoption hearing will be held remotely, consistent with Executives Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, and the recommendations from the California Department of Public Health to encourage physical distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19. The public is able to participate and observe the adoption hearing consistent with the direction in these Executive Orders. Further information regarding telephone and Zoom participation for the adoption hearing will be included in the agenda for the [CEC Business Meeting](#) which will be available at the link below on or about July 31, 2020:

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/proceedings/business-meetings>

Public Advisor and Other Commission Contacts

The CEC's Public Advisor's Office provides the public with assistance in participating in CEC proceedings. For information on how to participate in this proceeding, or to request language services or other reasonable accommodations, please contact the CEC's Public Advisor Noemí O. Gallardo, at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov, by phone at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228. Requests for language services and reasonable accommodations should be made at least five days in advance. The CEC will work diligently to accommodate late requests.

Zoom: If you experience difficulties with Zoom platform, please contact the Public Advisor's Office via email or phone. (Contact information above.)

News media inquiries should be directed to the Media and Public Communications Office at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

Questions on the subject matter of this notice, including access to related rulemaking documents available on the CEC's website, should be directed to Gregory Chin, at gregory.chin@energy.ca.gov, or (916) 653-5285.

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