

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC)

WORKSHOP AGENDA, WEBCAST & CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION Public Workshop in Accordance with Integrated Distributed Energy Resources (IDER) Proceeding (R. 14-10-003)



Day/Date: Thursday, August 4, 2016
Time: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (PST)

Auditorium, California Public Utilities Commission
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Web-Ex Information:

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The **Objective** of this workshop is to: 1.) Consider Assigned Commissioner Michel Florio's proposed regulatory process (as introduced in April 4, 2016 Ruling) for identifying, selecting, deploying and verifying cost-effective distributed energy resources (DERs) and; 2.) Verify alternatives to that proposal.

Agenda

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| A. Welcome and Overview from Workshop Facilitator
Matthew Tisdale, Advisor to Commr. M. Florio | 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM |
| B. Presentation of Commr. Florio's Proposal | 10:15 AM -- 10:45 AM |
| C. Presentation of Office of Ratepayers (ORA) Proposal
Zita Kline, Senior Regulatory Analyst Daniel Buch, Senior Regulatory Analyst | 10:45 AM – 11:15 AM |
| Break | 11:15 AM – 11:20 AM |
| D. Presentation of Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) Proposal
Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), and San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) | 11:20 AM – 12:15 PM |
| E. Perspective from VoteSolar
Jim Baak, Program Director, Grid Integration | 12:15 PM – 12:30 PM |
| F. Discussion | 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM |
| G. Lunch Break or Adjourn (as necessary) | 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM |
| H. Discussion (if needed) | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM |
| I. Adjourn | 4:00 PM |

Guiding Discussion and Key Questions Raised by Party Comments:

- How should the Integrated Distributed Energy Resources (IDER) project opportunities identified for this pilot by the Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) be reviewed?
- What is the role of the Distribution Planning Review Group (DPRG), the Distribution Planning Advisory Group (DPAG), the Procurement Review Group (PRG), Independent Professional Engineer (IPE) and/or other advisory groups?
- How could the pilot better balance oversight and timelines?
 - Are there, and if so, what are the alternatives to advice letters, workshops, and applications?
- Could the pilot align with the Competitive Solicitations Framework Working Group (CSF WG) recommendations and/or the Distribution Resource Plan (DRP) demonstration projects?

Background: On April 4, 2016, the assigned Commissioner in this proceeding (Commr. Michel Florio) introduced a proposed interim regulatory structure and process to pilot the effect of incentives on utility sourcing of distributive energy resources (DERs). The Commissioner expressed an intention to harmonize a utility's financial objectives with the Commission's desire to foster the cost-effective deployment of DERs. The Ruling introducing this proposal requested party comment on all aspects of the proposal as well as responses to specific questions.

Subsequent to the Ruling a workshop was held on June 13, 2016 focusing on the utility finance theory. On June 23, 2016 a Ruling was issued inviting party comments on the materials presented during the workshop; the comments were received on July 8, 2016. The feedback received both during the workshop and through comments remains under consideration in this proceeding.

Beyond the utility finance theory identified above, the April 4, 2016 Ruling also suggested a regulatory process for identifying opportunities for cost-effective DER deployment, selecting, deploying, and verifying them, and awarding incentives. The Ruling identified the proposed regulatory process as a pilot, which is necessary to test the proposed incentive mechanism but which would eventually be replaced by processes under development in the Distribution Resource Planning (DRP) proceeding (R. 14-08-013). Party comments on the proposed process suggested a range of alternatives that may better meet the Commission's objective of promoting the cost-effective deployment of DERs in California. Further consideration of the proposal and alternatives through a workshop was considered warranted.

Other Information: For procedural details related to the Integrated Distributed Energy Resources (IDER) proceeding (R. 14-10-003), commenting, and the record development process, and the role of this workshop within the proceeding, please refer to the "Assigned Commissioner's Ruling Introducing a Draft Regulatory Incentives Proposal for Discussion and Comment, issued on April 4, 2016. The contact person regarding this workshop and proceeding is Natalie Guishar, Regulatory Analyst in the Commission's Energy Division. She can be reached at natalie.guishar@cpuc.ca.gov.