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In the matter of,	)	Docket No. 13-IEP-1
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	)	REQUEST FOR PARTY
2013 Integrated Energy Policy Report	)	COMMENTS ON JOINT PETITION
(2013 IEPR)	)	FOR SOCIETAL COST-BENEFIT
	)	EVALUATION OF CALIFORNIA'S
	)	NET ENERGY METERING
	)	PROGRAM

Notice Requesting Public Comments Petition for Societal Cost-Benefit Evaluation of California's Net Energy Metering Program

On June 5, 2013, the California Energy Commission received a "Petition for Societal Cost-Benefit Evaluation of California's Net Energy Metering Program" ("Petition") from the American Lung Association in California, Asian Pacific Environmental Network, Brightline Defense Project, California Center for Sustainable Energy, California Environmental Justice Alliance, California Solar Energy Industries Association, Coalition for Clean Air, Distributed Energy Consumer Advocates, Environment California Research & Policy Center, Environmental Defense Fund, Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Inc., Local Energy Aggregation Network, Dr. Luis Pacheco, Presente.org, Sierra Club, Solar Energy Industries Association, and the Vote Solar Initiative.

The Petition requests the Energy Commission to "undertake a study of the societal costs and benefits of the net energy metering ("NEM") program authorized by Public Utilities Code Section 2827 and prepare a report to the Legislature" under the general authority granted to the Energy Commission by Public Resources Code Sections 25400, 25000.1, and 25001.

The Energy Commission is requesting public comments from stakeholders on the Petition as part of the *2013 IEPR* proceeding. The Petition is available online at: www.energy.ca.gov/2013_energypolicy/documents/index.html.

Background

Public Resources Code Section 25400 states:

> The commission shall conduct an ongoing assessment of the opportunities and constraints presented by all forms of energy. The commission shall encourage the balanced use of all sources of energy to meet the state's needs and shall seek to avoid possible undesirable consequences of reliance on a single source of energy.

Public Resources Code Section 25000.1 states:

> (a) The Legislature further finds and declares that, in addition to their other ratepayer protection objectives, a principal goal of electric and natural gas utilities' resource planning and investment shall be to minimize the cost to society of the reliable energy services that are provided by natural gas and electricity, and to improve the environment and to encourage the diversity of energy sources through improvements in energy efficiency and development of renewable energy resources, such as wind, solar, and geothermal energy.
> (b) The Legislature further finds and declares that, in addition to any appropriate investments in energy production, electrical and natural gas utilities should seek to exploit all practicable and cost-effective conservation and improvements in the efficiency of energy use and distribution that offer equivalent or better system reliability, and which are not being exploited by any other entity.
> (c) In calculating the cost effectiveness of energy resources, including conservation and load management options, the commission shall include a value for any costs and benefits to the environment, including air quality. The commission shall ensure that any values it develops pursuant to this section are consistent with values developed by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Section 701.1 of the Public Utilities Code. However, if the commission determines that a value developed pursuant to this subdivision is not consistent with a value developed by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 701.1 of the Public Utilities Code, the commission may nonetheless use this value if, in the appropriate record of its proceedings, it states its reasons for using the value it has selected.

Public Resources Code 25001 states:

> The Legislature hereby finds and declares that electrical energy is essential to the health, safety and welfare of the people of this state and to the state economy, and that it is the responsibility of state government to ensure that a reliable supply of electrical energy is maintained at a level consistent with the need for such energy for protection of public health and safety, for promotion of the general welfare, and for environmental quality protection.

Public Comment

Written comments on the Petition must be submitted to the Dockets Office by 5 p.m. on June 28, 2013. All written comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding and will be posted on the Energy Commission's website for this proceeding by COB July 1, 2013. Parties may then submit reply comments until 5 p.m. on July 15, 2013.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name and any organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please include the docket number 13-IEP-1 and indicate "Comments on Petition for Societal Cost-Benefit Evaluation of California's Net Energy Metering Program" in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Send comments to **docket@energy.ca.gov** and copy Suzanne.Korosec@energy.ca.gov.

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

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The service list for the *2013 IEPR* is handled electronically. Notices and documents for this proceeding are posted to the Energy Commission website at www.energy.ca.gov/2013_energypolicy/index.html. When new information is posted, an e-mail will be sent to those on the energy policy e-mail list server. We encourage those who are interested in receiving these notices to sign up for the list server through the website www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html.

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