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Implementation of Renewable Investment Plan Legislation) Docket No. 02-REN-1038
) Renewable Energy Program
)
) NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING
) RE: Revision of Emerging Renewables Program
) Guidebook

Notice to Consider Adoption of Revisions to the *Emerging Renewables Program Guidebook*

The California Energy Commission will hold a Business Meeting on:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011
10 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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As part of the November 2, 2011 Business Meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adopting revisions to the *Emerging Renewables Program Guidebook, Tenth Edition*. The *Guidebook* describes the requirements for participating in the Emerging Renewables Program (ERP) and receiving incentives to help offset the cost of purchasing and installing eligible fuel cell and small wind generating systems.

The Energy Commission's Renewables Committee, with Commissioner Carla Peterman as Presiding Member and Vice Chair James D. Boyd as Associate Member, provides oversight and policy direction regarding the ERP and is recommending the following revisions to the Guidebook:

- Changes to the incentive amount
 - The rebate level of \$3 per watt for the first 10 kilowatts of a small wind system's generating capacity will be extended from 30 days to 120 days from the date of adoption of the Guidebook revisions. After 120 days the rebate level will be reduced to \$2.50 per watt.
 - Rebates for fuel cell and small wind generating systems shall not exceed 50 percent of the net purchase price of the system (before ERP incentives).

- Implementation of funding limits
 - Available program funds will be divided evenly between rebates for systems using small wind turbines and systems using fuel cells.
 - When program funds are exhausted, the Energy Commission will suspend the ERP, but may create a waiting list for unfunded applications.
 - No single manufacturer or retailer may claim more than 25 percent of the annual funding allocation for the Emerging Renewable Resources Account.

- Changes to the criteria for listing equipment as eligible for the ERP
 - Turbines shall no longer receive listing on the list of eligible small wind turbines for the ERP by providing 12 consecutive months of performance data.
 - Turbines must be certified to either the International Electrotechnical Commission 61400-2 (IEC 61400-2) standard or the American Wind Energy Association 9.1-2009 (AWEA 9.1-2009) standard to be listed as eligible equipment.
 - Turbines currently listed on the Energy Commission's list of eligible equipment for the ERP shall provide a certified power curve prepared in accordance with the standards of IEC 61400-12-1 or Section 2 of the AWEA 9.1-2009 standard in order to remain on the list of eligible equipment.
 - The rating of small wind turbines shall be standardized at 11 meters per second (24.6 miles per hour) for purposes of determining program incentives.

- Additions to the criteria for removing equipment from the list of eligible equipment

- Changes to the R-1 form to include installation type and height of installation

- Clarification of other existing program requirements.

The proposed *Guidebook* revision is available online at www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/emerging_renewables/index.html and for public review (Publication No.CEC-300-2011-004-D).

Written Comments

Staff requests that written comments be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on October 14, 2011, to ensure that the comments are considered. Please include the docket number 02-REN-1038 and indicate Emerging Renewables Program in the subject line or first paragraph of comments. Please hand deliver or mail an original copy to:

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