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Proposed Adoption of Initial Study/Negative Declaration for Regulations Establishing and Implementing a Greenhouse Gases Emission Performance Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities	)	Docket No. 06-OIR-1

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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

The California Energy Commission proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration, under the California Environmental Quality Act, for proposed Regulations Establishing and Implementing a Greenhouse Gases Emission Performance Standard for Local Publicly Owned Electric Utilities. The Negative Declaration is proposed to be adopted at an Energy Commission business meeting to be held:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2007
10:00 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

Project Description and Location

The Energy Commission is proposing to adopt regulations that will prohibit California's local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs) from entering into long-term financial commitments for baseload power from generation facilities that exceed a numerical greenhouse gases emissions performance standard. The proposed regulations also include provisions that identify the types of power procurement commitments that are subject to the standard and establish a compliance evaluation and enforcement process. These regulations can be viewed online at: www.energy.ca.gov/ghgstandards

California's POUs import portions of their electricity from out-of-state generating units located within the Western Regional Coordinating Council (WECC) territory. Therefore, the proposed project could potentially have environmental effects within California and within the WECC territory. This territory includes all or part of 11 western states, 2 Canadian provinces, and Baja California, Mexico.

Location of Proposed Negative Declaration for Review

Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration and all documents referenced in the proposed Negative Declaration are available for public review at the California Energy Commission's Docket Unit located at 1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Additionally, the proposed Negative Declaration, Initial Study, and other materials related to the proposed project may be viewed on the California Energy Commission's website at: www.energy.ca.gov/ghgstandards

Comment Review Period

The comment review period during which the Energy Commission will accept comments on the proposed Negative Declaration begins Thursday, March 29, 2007, and ends Wednesday, April 18, 2007.

The Energy Commission encourages interested parties to submit written comments by 5 p.m. on April 18, 2007. Those submitting comments by e-mail should indicate "Docket No. 06-OIR-1, Greenhouse Gases Emission Performance Standard Negative Declaration" with your name or your organization's name in the subject line of the e-mail. Please provide your comments in either Microsoft Word format or Adobe Portable Document format (PDF) and send to: docket@energy.state.ca.us Parties submitting comments electronically must also submit the original paper copy to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit.

Those submitting comments by hard copy should indicate "Docket No. 06-OIR-1" and "Greenhouse Gases Emission Performance Standard Negative Declaration" in the subject line or initial paragraph of the comments and must provide an original plus 12 paper copies to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit.

Please send or deliver written materials to the following address:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit
Attn: Docket No. 06-OIR-1
1516 Ninth Street, MS-4
Sacramento, California 95814-5512

All written materials relating to the proposed Negative Declaration and Initial Study that are filed with the Docket Unit will become part of the public record in this proceeding, and will be posted on the Energy Commission's website at: www.energy.ca.gov/ghgstandards

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