

Public Workshop

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Renewables Portfolio Standard Enforcement Regulation

Governing Legislation

- Senate Bills 2 and 350
- ARB has an enforcement role in RPS program
 - **Public Utilities Code Section 399.30(p):** *Upon a determination of the Energy Commission that a local publicly owned electric utility has failed to comply with this article, the Energy Commission shall refer the failure to comply with this article to the State Air Resources Board, which may impose penalties to enforce this article consistent with Part 6 (commencing with Section 38580) of Division 25.5 of the Health and Safety Code. Any penalties imposed shall be comparable to those adopted by the commission for noncompliance by retail sellers.*

Major SB 2 Amendments

- State RPS program compliance provisions applicable to POUs
- New RPS procurement targets for POUs and retail sellers through 2020:
 - 20% by December 31, 2013
 - 25% by December 31, 2016
 - 33% by December 31, 2020
- Three portfolio “content categories” and “balance requirements” for eligible electricity products used for RPS compliance
- New planning and reporting requirements for POU adopted RPS programs
- CEC and ARB have RPS program enforcement authority over POUs

Major SB 350 Amendments

- RPS Program targets for POUs and retail sellers through 2030:
 - 40% by December 31, 2024
 - 45% by December 31, 2027
 - 50% by December 31, 2030
- Provisions affecting issues related to: cost limitations, compliance delays, excess procurement calculations, long-term contracting, penalty schedules, green program pricing, and hydropower exemptions
- CEC and CPUC may need to modify their regulations/programs to address these changes

Potential RPS Violations

- CEC complaints could be issued for the following potential violations:
 - Failure to meet RPS procurement targets
 - Failure to meet portfolio balance requirements
 - Failure to adopt procurement or enforcement plans, or meet other notice and disclosure requirements
 - Failure to submit complete annual or compliance reports, or other required reports or documentation

CEC Enforcement Process

- Section 1240 of CEC's adopted regulation establishes enforcement process for POU's
- Creates public process for CEC to issue and adjudicate RPS compliance complaints and refer notice of violation (NOV) to ARB
- Only CEC staff may file a complaint, but public may participate in verification process and complaint proceeding

CEC Enforcement Process

- Creates process for a POU to “answer” a complaint and CEC staff to “respond” prior to public hearing
- Hearing held by full commission or designee; if designee, decision forwarded to full commission
- Establishes process by which POUs may challenge commission decision in court
- NOV referral to ARB finalizes process if CEC finds violation

CPUC Penalty Process

- Citation program for all retail sellers failing to file complete procurement and compliance activity reports
- Penalties based on evaluation of several factors, conditions, and deficiency calculations
- Penalty of \$50/REC for portfolio target deficiencies or balance requirement shortfalls
- Where both REC target and balance requirement shortfalls exist, penalty is based on the higher amount.

CPUC Penalty Caps

- IOU penalty caps
 - \$75 million for first and second compliance periods
 - \$100 million for third compliance period
 - \$25 million for each year after 2020
- Penalty cap for other retail sellers set at \$50/REC times 50% of the RECs required for the compliance period.

Proposed ARB Regulation

- Builds on CEC's Enforcement Process (Section 1240 of CEC's adopted regulation)
- CEC notice of violation decision, along with the proceedings record, would be referred to ARB for penalty determination
- ARB would rely solely on CEC's proceedings record and evidence, and information transmitted with referral

Proposed ARB Regulation con't

- Referred CEC decision may include a suggested penalty and findings for the application of mitigating or aggravating factors
- ARB penalties based on Health and Safety Code Section 38580 and “comparability” to CPUC penalties for retail sellers
- ARB would use normal enforcement policies and procedures

Regulation Development Schedule

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April 1, 2016



Start of formal 45-day
public review period
for proposed regulation

May 19-20, 2016



ARB Board Meeting

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