

REGULATORY UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 28 (WEEK OF DECEMBER 21)**California Public Utilities Commission****New Proposed Decisions and Draft Resolutions:¹**

Draft Resolution E-5109. In Advice Letter (AL) 5905-E, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) requests several modifications to Appendices A, B, and S of its 2014 Conformed Bundled Procurement Plan (2014 BPP). Some modifications would enable PG&E to access products and procurement processes that are substantially similar to those that the Commission approved for Southern California Edison in Resolution E-5063. Other revisions would clarify portions of the 2014 BPP or would broaden PG&E's procurement flexibility in response to recent decisions and market conditions. Among other changes, this Resolution would allow PG&E to classify resource adequacy ("RA") products as non-standard products and thus "to pursue longer-term RA contracts via certain bilateral transactions, in addition to the more competitive (and preferred) methods," such as competitive solicitations in the form of requests for offers. This Resolution approves PG&E's request in AL 5905-E without modification.

Voting Meetings:

The Commission's next voting meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2021. The agenda is scheduled to be published January 4, 2021.

California Independent System Operator**Upcoming Meetings and Deadlines:**

Market Enhancements for Summer 2021 Readiness: Scope and Schedule Overview. The California ISO will hold a public stakeholder call on Market Enhancements for Summer 2021 Readiness on January 6, 2021 to review the scope and schedule for this initiative. Comments are due January 14, 2021.

Status of Day-Ahead Market Enhancements and Extended Day-Ahead Market Initiatives. The California ISO is postponing stakeholder activities on the Day-Ahead Market Enhancements and Extended Day-Ahead Market until the second quarter of 2021 to focus on other priorities related to summer 2021 readiness.

BPM Change Management: Proposed Revision Requests and Updated BPMs. The California ISO has announced the beginning of stakeholder review periods for new Proposed Revision Requests (PRRs) to Business Practice Manuals (BPM), the California ISO

¹ Per Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure Rule 14.3, comments on proposed decisions are due 20 days after issuance of the proposed decision, and reply comments are due five days thereafter. Comments on draft resolutions are due 20 days after the draft resolution appears in the Commission's daily calendar, per Rule 14.5.

recommendations, and final decisions on previously submitted PRRs. The California ISO posted updated versions of BPMs on its BPM change management website.

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Enbridge Line 3 Petition for Reconsideration:

As a follow-up to a previous update outlining the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) hearing on December 4, 2020 and the Commission's December 9, 2020 Order Denying Motion for Stay Pending Appeal, the Red Lake Band of Chippewa and the White Earth Band of Ojibwe (collectively, the Tribes) petitioned for reconsideration requesting that the Commission reconsider its decision denying the Tribes' November 25, 2020 Motion for Stay of the Line 3 Replacement Project Final Orders. The Commission met on December 23, 2020 to consider the Petition for Reconsideration. Ultimately, the Commission denied the Tribes' request to reconsider its prior order and issued a written order later that day.

Minnesota Power Energy-Intensive, Trade-Exposed (EITE) Rate Extension:

On December 23, 2020, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") met to consider Minnesota Power's August 31, 2020 petition seeking to extend the existing EITE Rate until final rates are implemented in its next general rate case. By way of background, the EITE Rate is a rate designed for specific users meeting the statutory definition of Energy-Intensive, Trade-Exposed as defined in Minn. Stat. § 216B.1696. After discussion among the Commissioners, the Commission granted Minnesota Power's request, extending the existing EITE Rate until final rates are implemented in Minnesota Power's next rate case, which is expected to be filed no later than November 1, 2021. In the event that Minnesota Power does not file a rate case by January 1, 2022, the existing EITE Rate will terminate and Minnesota Power is required to submit a filing by February 1, 2022, detailing its plan to wrap up the existing EITE Rate; however, if necessary, the February 1, 2022 filing may include a petition for a new iteration of the EITE Rate.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

1. FERC's next open meeting is January 19, 2021.
2. Mark Christie is expected to be sworn in as the newest FERC Commissioner on January 4, 2021.
3. FERC Staff published their annual [Assessment of Demand Response and Advanced Metering](#) for 2020.