

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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August 30, 2019

To the parties of Rulemaking (R.)14-07-002 and R.12-11-005:

Subject: Deadline Extension for Posting Translated Versions of the Solar Information Packet from August 30, 2019, to on or before September 13, 2019

On June 14, 2019, I sent a letter to the R.14-07-002 and R.12-11-005 service lists that announced the dates for the public release of the Solar Information Packet pursuant to Decision 18-09-044 (this letter is reproduced in Appendix A).

In that letter, I stated that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) would release a final English version of the Solar Information Packet on July 15, 2019, and that we would release final translated versions of the Solar Information Packet in Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Tagalog along with an audio recorded version of the packet on August 30, 2019.

On July 15, 2019, the CPUC released the final English-language version of the Solar Information Packet, which is officially titled the [California Solar Consumer Protection Guide](#). However, due to resource constraints, we are unable to post translated versions of the Solar Information Packet by August 30, 2019. Through this letter, I am officially extending the deadline to release the translated versions of the Solar Information Packet to on or before September 13, 2019. We will post the final translated versions as they become available on the [CPUC Solar Guide webpage](#), and all five translated versions will be posted to that webpage by no later than September 13, 2019. An audio recorded version of the Solar Information Packet is already available on the webpage, and it is also accessible by dialing 855-955-1535.

Pursuant to my previous letter, September 30, 2019 remains the date by which Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (the utilities) must reconfigure their interconnection portals to allow solar providers to satisfy the requirement from Decision 18-09-044 to upload signed pages of the Solar Information Packet and the completed [Contractors State License Board Solar Energy System Disclosure Document](#). The utilities will communicate details on the new interconnection portal features to their solar provider email listservs in September.

For questions regarding the new release date of the translated versions of the Solar Information Packet, please contact Kerry Fleisher in the CPUC's Energy Division at Kerry.Fleisher@cpuc.ca.gov.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Randolph".

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Appendix A

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor

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June 14, 2019

To the parties of R.14-07-002 and R.12-11-005:

Subject: Time Extension for Solar Information Packet Release and Pacific Gas and Electric, Southern California Edison, and San Diego Gas & Electric Requirement to Reconfigure Interconnection Portals, and Guidance on Solar Provider Compliance Protocols

This letter provides an extension of time for the CPUC's Energy Division to post a Final Solar Information Packet (Packet) on its website. This letter also provides an extension of time for PG&E, SCE and SDG&E to reconfigure their interconnection portals to accept an upload of the Packet. Lastly, this letter provides clarification on solar provider compliance with regard to the Packet and the utilities' interconnection portal.

Background

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) *Decision Adopting Net Energy Metering Consumer Protection Measures Including Solar Information Packet* ([Decision \(D.\)18-09-044](#)) sets forth the process for the CPUC's Energy Division staff to develop a Packet for consumers.

The Decision states that the Energy Division will post a copy of the Packet on the CPUC's website no later than June 30, 2019. The Decision also requires the CPUC to translate the Packet into Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Korean, and to make an audio recorded version of the Packet available. The Decision further requires Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) (the utilities) to reconfigure their interconnection portals to require solar providers to upload signed, in handwriting, signature pages of the Packet and Contractors State License Board (CSLB) Solar Energy System Disclosure Document by July 30, 2019.

On April 26, 2019, the Energy Division released a Revised Draft Solar Information Packet and asked stakeholders for informal written comments on 1) the content of the packet, and 2) Energy Division's proposed implementation approach for solar providers to upload signed pages of the packet in the utilities' interconnection portals. The Energy Division received extensive informal written comments on both topics.

Per the Decision, the Director of the Energy Division is authorized to adjust the Packet schedule adopted in the Decision, if necessary, to ensure steps are taken in an efficient and cost-effective manner with sufficient time for review by the CPUC and stakeholders.

Solar Information Packet Extended Release Dates

Due to the need to address the significant written comments submitted by stakeholders on the Revised Draft Solar Information Packet, I hereby extend the release date of the Packet. The Energy Division will release the Packet on the following schedule:

Public Release Dates for Final Solar Information Packet

- **July 15, 2019:** Energy Division will post a copy of the Final *English version* of the Solar Information Packet to the CPUC website.
- **August 30, 2019:** Energy Division will post a copy of the Final *Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese and audio versions* of the Solar Information Packet to the CPUC website.

Extension for Utility Requirement to Reconfigure Interconnection Portals

As a result of the new schedule for the release of the Packet in all language translations, the date by which the utilities must reconfigure their interconnection portals to require solar providers to upload signed pages of the Packet and the CSLB Solar Energy System Disclosure Document must also be extended. I hereby extend the date by which the utilities must reconfigure their interconnection portals per the Decision to **September 30, 2019**.

Clarification on Solar Provider Compliance Protocols

I take this opportunity to clarify the compliance protocols for the solar providers submitting residential solar interconnection applications for single-family homes on or after September 30, 2019 in the utility territories.

- If a solar provider executes a contract with a residential customer for solar *on or after* September 30, 2019, the solar provider is required to upload the following documentation in the utility interconnection portal:
 - 1) Customer-initialed and customer-signed pages of the Packet as part of their interconnection application with a customer signature date (on the Packet) that precedes or matches the contract execution date.
 - 2) A completed CSLB Solar Energy System Disclosure Document¹.
- If a solar provider executes a contract with a residential customer for solar *on or before* September 29, 2019, the solar provider is *not* required to upload customer-initialed or customer-signed pages of the Packet nor the CSLB Solar Energy System Disclosure Document as part of their interconnection application. Instead, the solar provider is required to upload the customer-signed and dated page of the solar installation contract in the field on the utility's interconnection portal that requests upload of the signed pages of the Packet and the field that requests upload of CSLB Solar Energy Disclosure Document. The upload of the signed and dated solar installation contract in these fields will serve as proof that the solar provider has executed a contract on or before September 29, 2019 and is therefore not subject to the compliance obligations determined by the Decision.

Further details on new interconnection portal features will be communicated by the utilities to their solar provider email listservs at a later date.

¹ A blank version of the CSLB Solar Energy System Disclosure Document is available at <http://www.cslb.ca.gov/Resources/Contractors/SolarDisclosureDoc.pdf>

For questions regarding the deadline extensions and compliance protocols provided in this letter, please contact Kerry Fleisher in the CPUC's Energy Division at Kerry.Fleisher@cpuc.ca.gov.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward Randolph". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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