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Renewable Portfolio Standard & Utility Supplier Diversity Program

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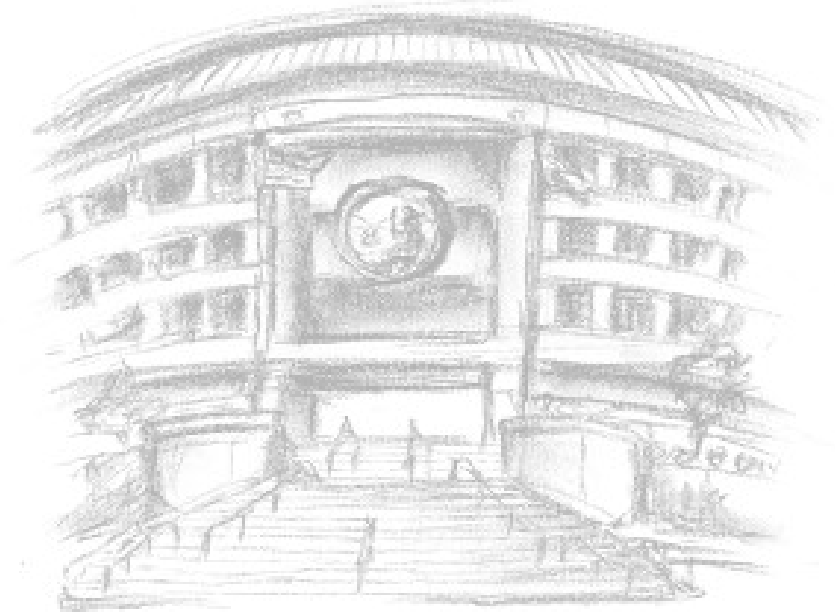
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About the CPUC

- The CPUC is the California state agency that regulates essential services including:
 - Electricity
 - Water
 - Natural Gas
 - Rail and Transportation
 - Telecommunications
- Headquartered in San Francisco with offices in Los Angeles and Sacramento
- Five Governor-appointed Commissioners serve staggered six-year terms
- Meet publicly at least once a month to decide on important policies, such as energy rates and procurement, renewable energy goals, and improvements to infrastructure





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Utility Regulation

- Californians spend more than \$50 billion annually for services from industries regulated by the CPUC.
- Our regulation includes:
 - Rates and services of **energy** companies such as: **Edison, SoCalGas, SDG&E, and PG&E**
 - Rates and services of **water** companies such as: **California-American, Golden State, and San Gabriel Valley**
 - Consumer protection and public programs for **telecommunication** companies such as: **AT&T and Verizon**
 - Rail **safety** compliance of providers such as: **Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority, San Diego Trolley, BART**, and independent transportation companies like movers, limousines, shuttles, etc.



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Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Program

- California's RPS is one of the most ambitious renewable energy standards in the country.
- The RPS program was initiated by SB 1078 (Sher), which set a goal for retail sellers of providing 20% of their retail sales from eligible renewable energy resources by 2017.
- SB 107 (Simitian) accelerated the 20% goal to 2010, as well as making other changes in the RPS program.



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RPS Program (continued)

- Most recently, Senate Bill (SB) 2 (1X) (Simitian), effective December 10, 2011, was enacted in the First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature.
- SB 2 (1X) makes numerous changes to the RPS program, most notably extending the RPS goal from 20% to 33% by the end of 2020.
- The Commission does not have jurisdiction over publicly owned utilities, like The Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LADWP), the nation's largest municipal utility.



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CPUC's Responsibility

- The CPUC's responsibilities include:
 - Determining annual RPS procurement targets and enforcing compliance.
 - Review and approving each IOU's renewable energy procurement plan.
 - Reviewing IOUs contracts for RPS-eligible energy.
 - Establishing the standard terms and conditions used by IOUs in their contracts for eligible renewable energy.
 - Calculating market price referents (MPRs) for non-renewable energy that serve as benchmarks for the price of renewable energy.



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Utility Supplier Diversity Program

- The CPUC encourages regulated utilities and communications companies to purchase 21.5% of their goods and services from diverse suppliers.
 - 15% minority
 - 5% women
 - 1.5% disabled veterans
- There are at least 30 companies that participate in this program and annually report to the CPUC on their performance.



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Utility Subcontracting Program

- CPUC General Order 156 also established the Subcontracting Program for all energy, telephone and water company utilities:

“Each Utility shall establish and maintain a subcontracting program for the purpose of encouraging its prime contractors to utilize Women, Minority, Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (WMDVBE) Subcontractors. Each Utility shall include in its annual report to the Commission a summary of Prime contractor progress in increasing the participation of WMDVBE subcontractors.”



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Get Certified!

- **What is certification?**
 - It is the process to ensure the integrity of GO156
 - A database of over 6,000 companies that utilities search for to award contracts.
 - Certification doesn't mean qualification. The utility makes that determination.
- **Why get certified?**
 - A participating utility or telecom company requires that diverse suppliers are certified in order to accurately report their procurement in GO156
- **Is it cumbersome and time consuming?**
 - NO!
 - Online application
 - Fast-track
 - Free



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SUPPLIER CLEARINGHOUSE

Suppliers need to be certified by the Clearinghouse (CHS) to participate in the Supplier Diversity Program

- Ten eligibility criteria
- at least 51% owned and controlled by women and/or minorities
- For applications and more information contact:
www.thesupplierclearinghouse.com

or

Call (800) 359-7998



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Participating Utilities

- AT&T
- California Water Service Company
- California American Water
- Citizens Communications/Frontier
- Golden State Water
- Pacific Gas & Electric
- PacificCorp
- San Gabriel Water Company
- San Jose Water Company
- San Diego Gas & Electric
- Sierra Pacific Power Company
- Southern California Gas
- Southern California Edison
- Southwest Gas Corp
- Sprint Nextel
- Suburban Water Systems
- Surewest Company
- Verizon/Verizon Wireless



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