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Advice Letter 5151-G

Ronald van der Leeden
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SUBJECT: Proposed Modifications to the SGIP to Incorporate CA Contractor's State License Board's C-46 Solar Contractor License Classification into List of SGIP Eligible Licenses for the Combined Installation of Solar Photovoltaics & Energy Storage.

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 5151-G is withdrawn per withdrawal letter dated July 11, 2017.

Sincerely,

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

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(Center for Sustainable Energy®)

Advice No. 3852-G/5089-E
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company –U 39 M)

Advice No. 3616-E
(Southern California Edison Company – U 338-E)

Advice No. 5151
(Southern California Gas Company – U 904-G)

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ENERGY DIVISION

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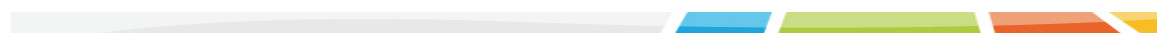
PURPOSE

The Center for Sustainable Energy® (CSE), on behalf of the Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) Program Administrators (PAs),¹ hereby submits this advice filing to propose modifications to the SGIP Handbook to incorporate the California Contractor’s State License Board’s (CLSB) C-46 solar contractor license classification into the list of SGIP-eligible licenses for the combined installation of solar photovoltaics (PV) and energy storage.

BACKGROUND

The SGIP requires that all eligible systems are installed by a licensed California contractor in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the CSLB. In 2005, the SGIP Handbook clarified that installation contractors must have an active A, B, or C-10 license, or a C-46 license for PV systems. However, when the California Solar Initiative (CSI) was established in

¹ The SGIP PAs are Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), and CSE in the service territory of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E).



2006, the Commission limited SGIP eligibility to non-solar distributed generation projects. Thus, in 2007, the SGIP Handbook was modified to remove the C-46 solar contractor license classification.

In 2011, the Commission made major regulatory modifications to the SGIP, including the eligibility of stand-alone advanced energy storage projects. Decision (D.)11-09-015 clarified that energy storage technologies may be stand-alone, paired with another SGIP-eligible technology, or paired with solar PV. Furthermore, in 2016, D.16-06-055 ordered the SGIP PAs to prioritize energy storage projects paired with and charging from onsite renewable generators if applications received on the same day request more incentives than the remaining budget at the current incentive step.

Consequently, the SGIP has seen an increase in the number of SGIP energy storage applications paired with solar PV, many of which are developed by solar contractors. As such, it has come to the SGIP PAs' attention that the omission of the C-46 solar contractor license in the current SGIP Handbook may limit the participation of contractors eligible to install energy storage systems as part of a solar PV system installation. The SGIP PAs therefore propose to amend the SGIP Handbook to allow for C-46 license holders to perform such installations.

To clarify, this advice filing does not propose modifications to the installation of stand-alone storage systems. Energy storage systems that are not installed at the same time and in conjunction with solar PV are not eligible for the C-46 classification and must be installed by a contractor with an active A, B, or C-10 license.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SGIP HANDBOOK

This advice letter proposes the following Handbook change:

Affected Section:

5.4.2 Required Documentation for Proof of Project Milestone

All systems must be installed by an appropriately licensed California contractor in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the State of California Contractors' State Licensing Board. Installation contractors must have an active A, B, or C-10 license, or a C-46 license for the combined installation of solar photovoltaics and energy storage.

TIER DESIGNATION

Pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B, Energy Industry Rule 5.2 and D.16-06-055, this Advice Letter is submitted with a Tier 2 designation.

PROTESTS

Anyone wishing to protest this Advice Letter may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, by facsimile or electronically, any of which must be received no later than July 3, 2017, which is twenty (20) days after the filing of this Advice Letter. Protests should be submitted to:

CPUC Energy Division
Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Ave., 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102
Email: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Copies of the protest should also be sent to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004, at the address shown above.

A copy of the protest should also be sent via e-mail and U.S. mail to the addresses below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission:

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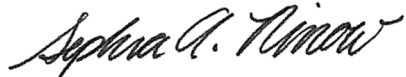
There are no restrictions as to who may file a protest, but the protest shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which it is based and must be received by the deadline shown above.

EFFECTIVE DATE

CSE requests that this Advice Letter become effective on regular notice, July 13, 2017, which is thirty (30) calendar days after the date of filing.

NOTICE

CSE is providing a copy of this Advice Letter to service list R.12-11-005.



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Center for Sustainable Energy®

cc: Service List R.12-11-005

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No. Center for Sustainable Energy® (CSE)

Utility type: N/A

ELC GAS

PLC HEAT WATER

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric

GAS = Gas

PLC = Pipeline

HEAT = Heat

WATER = Water

Tier: 1 2 3

Advice Letter (AL) #: 80

Subject of AL: Proposed Modifications to the Self-Generation Incentive Program to Incorporate California Contractor's State License Board's (CLSB) C-46 Solar Contractor License Classification into List of SGIP-Eligible Licenses for the Combined Installation of Solar Photovoltaics (PV) and Energy Storage.

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Self Generation

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

N/A

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL No

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL¹: N/A

Resolution Required? Yes No

Requested effective date: July 13, 2017

No. of Tariff Sheets: 0

Estimated system annual revenue effect: (%): 0

Estimated system average rate effect (%): 0

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: N/A

Service affected and changes proposed¹: Self-Generation Incentive Program: Incorporation of California Contractor's State License Board's (CLSB) C-46 Solar Contractor License Classification into List of SGIP-Eligible Licenses for the Combined Installation of Solar Photovoltaics (PV) and Energy Storage.

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.