

Direct Access Reopening

In California, electric retail choice (or direct access) was suspended in 2001.

On October 11, 2009 Governor Schwarzenegger signed into law Senate Bill 695, which calls for a capped and phased-in Direct Access market to commence by April 11, 2010 for all non-residential customers. This will allow customers to – once again – have the right to choose their

Energy Service Provider.

The CPUC is continuing to refine details about available load and customer enrollment processes.

CACES and its members advocate for appropriate and transparent rules that will benefit California businesses, and we will share updates on these important developments.



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Resource Adequacy Requirement

Since 2006, California electricity consumers have paid Resource Adequacy (RA) as a means of ensuring that electricity generators have sufficient capacity to meet the maximum energy requirements of the California energy market at all times.

In November, the CPUC proposed programs with the potential to impact

customer charges, credit, and contract policies at all load serving entities.

Although we do not anticipate changes in the near future, advocates for CACES are actively discussing these issues with policy makers and will provide updates about potential impacts on your business.

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS (GHG) UPDATE:

Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32) (Chapter 488, Statutes of 20060 has far reaching implications and will touch every level of the economy in California. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is developing a Scoping Plan that identifies strategies for reducing GHGs. In December 2009, CARB released a Preliminary Draft Regulation for a cap-and-trade program to begin in 2012 with about 600 of the state’s largest GHG-emitting stationary sources. The draft also addresses emissions from transportation fuel, the use of high quality offsets, and rules for trading, monitoring, and enforcement.

Coming Soon...

- Update on Direct Access Reopening.
- Net Energy Metering
- Demand Response
- RPS Legislation

Gov. Schwarzenegger Appoints Two to California Energy Commission

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On January 13, Governor announced the appointment of Anthony Eggert and Robert Weisenmiller to the California Energy Commission and expressed his sincere gratitude to internationally renowned Commissioner Art Rosenfeld for his dedicated service on his last day serving on the California Energy Commission.

"The Energy Commission plays a vital role in helping meet the aggressive

environmental goals my Administration is committed to achieving, through streamlining the permitting of renewable energy projects to help break ground quicker and create jobs while maximizing the billions of dollars in federal treasury grant funds for renewable energy projects," said Governor Schwarzenegger.

"Both Anthony and Robert are the best, most qualified individuals to serve this purpose on the commission.

They have the necessary experience and knowhow to push our energy policies forward and I am confident that their service will help California take another step on the path toward meeting our goal of 33 percent renewable energy by 2020."

To read the entire Press Release go to:
<http://gov.ca.gov/press-release/14197/>

In The Know...

- √ Sam Blakeslee (R-Minority Leader) may depend on Abel Maldonado's Lieutenant Governor appointment, as Blakeslee is expected to run for Maldonado's seat.
- √ Commissioner Chong's replacement is rumored to be Nancy Ryan, former Chief of Staff to President Peevey. Ms. Ryan is being pushed by Peevey and has the blessing of the Governor's Chief of Staff, Susan Kennedy. So, this appears to have a likelihood of coming to fruition. While many are discouraged by the fact that Commissioner Chong did not get confirmed by the Senate, Ryan as a replacement would be very positive.
- √ On December 16, 2009, The California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) announced that its President, Michael R. Peevey, was confirmed by the California Senate for a new six-year term. As previously reported Commissioner Rachele Chong was not confirmed.
- √ Assemblyman V. Manual Perez (D-Coachella) has been elected Speaker, in what was mostly a formality, since it was clear he would be speaker weeks before the official election. The transition of power will be long and we do not expect Committee changes in the Assembly until later in the year.
- √ Senator Ron Calderon (D-Whittier) was removed from the Senate Energy Committee and replaced by Senator Dean Florez (D-Bakersfield). Senator Florez is running for Lt. Governor next year. The removal of the more moderate Calderon is disappointing as he typically took supportive positions to most of our business interests. Florez is a very pro-consumer, pro-environmental Democrat who will more consistently fall in line with Democratic leadership than did Calderon. Some speculate that his removal was because he resisted the RPS bill last year. He voted against Senate Bill (SB) 14 in Committee and voted in favor of SB 850, which had the backing of the IOUS, ESP's and the Muni's, but was opposed by environmental interests and TURN.