

MEMORANDUM

TO: Martin P. Honigberg, Chairman
Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

Cc: Debra Howland, Executive Director
Anne Ross, General Counsel
Karen Cramton, Director, Sustainable Energy Division

FROM: Elizabeth Nixon, Energy Analyst
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DATE: January 15, 2015

RE: DE 10-024: Request to Approve FY15 program budgets

This memorandum is to request approval to amend the program budgets for the Renewable Energy Fund managed by the Sustainable Energy Division for FY15. The Commission requested an increase of \$5 million to the legislatively approved budget in a letter dated January 6, 2015 to the Bureau of Accounts. The requested increase was approved. Table 1 summarizes the revenues and proposed budget for the Renewable Energy Fund (REF).

Table 1
Summary of Renewable Energy Fund

\$7,395,798	Cash Balance as of June 30, 2014
\$15,847,911	CY13 ACP Payments received in FY14
\$1,738,070	CY13 ACP Payments received in FY15
(\$373,534)	Legislature Commitment to Site Evaluation Committee (SB 245-FN)
\$24,608,244	FY15 Cash Available to REF programs
\$7,840,634	FY15 Legislative Appropriation
\$5,000,000	FY15 Additional Appropriation
(\$518,573)	FY15 Administrative Costs (budgeted)
(\$139,340)	FY15 Additional Administrative Costs
\$7,048,759	FY14 Encumbered and Committed Rebate and Grant Funds
\$19,231,480	FY15 Rebate and Grant Funds Available
(\$2,677,698)	Rebates Committed
(\$4,371,061)	RFP/FY14 Grant Funds Awarded and Committed
\$12,182,721	FY15 Funds Available for REF Program Budgets
\$4,403,364	FY15 funds allocated to residential sector
\$7,779,357	FY15 funds allocated to C&I sector

Under the legislatively appropriated budget, the Commission was authorized to spend \$7,840,634 of new revenues in state fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015). With the Commission's approval of an additional \$5 million, these funds will be allocated as shown in Table 2

Table 2

REF PROGRAM	FY 15 Budget (Appropriated)	Additional Budget	FY 15 Total Budget (Including FY14 Funds Brought Forward)
Residential solar (PV) & wind	\$1,299,800	\$1,540,660	\$3,340,680
Residential solar hot water	\$103,800	\$ -	\$125,000
Residential wood pellet boiler/furnace	\$572,366	\$ -	\$650,000
New Residential Rebate Program	\$886,738	\$ -	\$886,738
Subtotal Residential Programs	\$2,862,704	\$1,540,660	\$5,002,418
C&I Solar (PV and solar thermal)	\$2,881,186	\$2,000,000	\$6,493,762
C&I biomass heating systems	\$333,932	\$420,000	\$1,220,000
Grants Awarded and Approved in FY14	\$697,980	\$ -	\$3,432,401
Grants to Be Awarded in FY15	\$546,259	\$400,000	\$2,582,899
New Program for State Renewable Energy Projects	\$ -	\$500,000	\$500,000
Subtotal C&I Programs	\$4,459,357	\$3,320,000	\$14,229,062
Total Residential & C&I Programs	\$7,322,061	\$4,860,660	\$19,231,480
Administrative Costs	\$518,573	\$139,340	\$675,313
Total	\$7,840,634	\$5,000,000	\$19,906,793

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