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Inger Goodman
Regulatory Affairs Specialist
Just Energy Solutions Inc.
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Dear Ms. Goodman,

On October 31, 2018, Just Energy Solutions, Inc. (Just Energy) filed a waiver request for its 2019 year-ahead local Resource Adequacy (RA) requirement in the Other PG&E, Bay Area, and LA Basin local areas. Just Energy seeks relief from its remaining 2019 year-ahead local RA obligation and any potential Commission-imposed penalties for deficiencies. Just Energy's waiver request failed to demonstrate that it pursued all commercially reasonable efforts in procuring local capacity to meet its local RA obligations. The Energy Division of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) denies Just Energy's request for a penalty waiver.

Commission Decision (D.) 06-06-064 established waiver provisions for local Resource Adequacy (RA) procurement. D.18-06-030 established 2019 compliance year obligations for all Load Serving Entities (LSEs). On October 31, 2018, Just Energy submitted its year-ahead local RA compliance filing, showing a deficiency in the Other PG&E, Bay Area, and LA Basin local areas. Just Energy also submitted a request for penalty waiver for this deficiency pursuant to D.06-06-064.

Section 3.3.12 of D.06-06-064 describes a standard that an LSE may use to demonstrate that it could not reasonably achieve its LCR obligations:

(1) a demonstration that the LSE reasonably and in good faith solicited bids for its RAR capacity needs along with accompanying information about the terms and conditions of the Request for Offer or other form of solicitation, and

(2) a demonstration that despite having actively pursued all commercially reasonable efforts to acquire the resources needed to meet the LSE's local procurement obligation, it either

(a) received no bids, or

(b) received no bids for an unbundled RA capacity contract of under \$40 per kW-year or for a bundled capacity and energy product of under \$73 per kW-year, or

(c) received bids below these thresholds but such bids included what the LSE believes are unreasonable terms and/or conditions, in which case the waiver request must demonstrate why such terms and/or conditions are unreasonable.

An LSE's waiver request that meets these requirements is a necessary but not a sufficient condition for the grant of such waiver. The Commission will also consider other information brought to its attention regarding the reasonableness of the waiver request.

Energy Division has reviewed Just Energy's actions and finds that Just Energy has not demonstrated that it has made reasonable and good faith effort to procure capacity to meet its local RA obligation. In this case, Energy Division finds that Just Energy did not hold solicitations or bid into other entities' solicitations, and therefore did not pursue all commercially reasonable efforts to acquire the resources needed to meet the LSE's local procurement obligation. Thus, Energy Division denies Just Energy's request for a waiver of Commission penalties related to its year-ahead 2019 local RA procurement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Randolph (for)", is written over the typed name.

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Director, Energy Division

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