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CPUC decision will add as much as 10.6 GW of new clean energy resources to California's grid – and help launch the West Coast's offshore wind market

As part of California's new procurement system for long lead-time clean energy resources established by AB 1373 (E. Garcia, 2023), the CPUC was tasked with defining the amount and types of clean energy the state's new central buyer would be authorized to purchase

Today's decision sets that figure at 10.6 GW of clean energy — including up to 7.6 GW of offshore wind, 1 GW of geothermal, and 2 GW of long-duration storage — setting the stage for the first wave of procurement at scale of these promising resources

SACRAMENTO — American Clean Power-California (ACP-CA) released the statement below on behalf of **Alex Jackson, Executive Director of ACP-CA**, after the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) issued a final decision authorizing the state's new central procurement entity to purchase more than 10 GW of diverse clean energy resources to come online between 2031-2037, including up to 7.6 GW of offshore wind, 1 GW of geothermal, and 2 GW of long-duration storage.

As part of the new procurement system for long lead-time clean energy resources established last year by [AB 1373 \(E. Garcia\)](#), the CPUC was directed to determine the amount and types of clean energy resources that would be included. "The specific resources were selected," the final CPUC decision concludes, "because they are technologies that present opportunities to help California achieve our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction goals for 2045 and beyond, they represent emerging technologies that need to achieve economies of scale to bring costs down, and/or they are not currently being procured by individual [load serving entities] in significant enough amounts to achieve cost reductions, meet long-term environmental goals, or increase resource diversity."

The CPUC decision sets in motion the state's process for developing these resources, allowing the Department of Water Resources (DWR), in its new role as the state's central procurement entity, to begin accepting procurement requests for deployment in the 2030s. DWR's authorized procurement represents a small but important part of the state's total clean energy buildout over that timeframe.

The statement below can be attributed to **Alex Jackson, Executive Director of ACP-CA**:

"Clean energy providers applaud today's landmark decision, which will create the market certainty necessary for development of huge quantities of untapped renewable resources, including offshore wind, geothermal energy, and promising new storage technologies."

"California has set ambitious goals for transitioning to 100% clean power, and central procurement is a critical part of the state's strategy for achieving them. Planning for just a few

offshore wind projects, for example, won't provide the foundation needed to support billions of dollars of investments in ports and transmission, nor will it achieve economies of scale to drive down costs for future projects. The next generation of clean energy technologies require clear signals that there will be a path to market and the potential for growth for years to come."

"With today's decision, the CPUC has put California on this path, setting in motion the procurement of these resources in the next several years. ACP-California and our members look forward to working with communities across the state on the next critical step: Bringing these projects online in the next decade."

American Clean Power is the voice of the clean power industry that is powering America's future, providing cost-effective solutions to the climate crisis while creating jobs, spurring massive investment in the U.S. economy and driving high-tech innovation across the nation. We are uniting the power of America's renewable energy industry to advance our shared goals and to transform the U.S. power grid to a low-cost, reliable and renewable power system. ACP-California is a state project of the national trade association.

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