MEETING of the Energy Planning & Resources Committee of the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California

Wednesday, April 24, 2019
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I. WELCOME & ROLL CALL

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from March 27, 2019 Energy Committee Meeting

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

2. Staff Update on Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Pilot Program

3. Staff Update on Resource Adequacy (RA)

4. April 2019 Risk Management Team Report

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

VI. ADJOURN

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I. WELCOME & ROLL CALL
Committee Chair Carmen Ramirez called the special meeting to order. Board Secretary
Jacquelyn Betha Isidore conducted roll call.

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II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
The following individual provided general public comments: Harvey Eder (Public Solar
Power Coalition).

III. REGULAR AGENDA
1. Approved Minutes from January 16, 2019 Energy Planning & Resources Committee
   Special Meeting
Motion: Committee Member Harabedian, Sierra Madre.
Second: Committee Member Peak, Malibu.
Vote: Item 1 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. **Approved substitute providers for Long Term Renewable Energy Development and Storage Capacity**

Natasha Keefer, Director of Power Planning & Procurement, reported that last meeting the Committee approved the shortlist of nine projects, and since then CPA has asked those bidders to enter into an exclusivity agreement and to put down a shortlist deposit, which five projects have done. Staff plans to bring those projects to the Board for review and approval in May and June. There are two additional projects CPA would like to bring into the shortlist negotiating process because, as anticipated, there was some attrition of projects during the shortlist process. One of the projects that exited the process has offered to provided substitute capacity at reduced price, and this project also scored very well on the qualitative criteria including committing to a project labor agreement (PLA). The second substitute project is a standalone battery storage project, which is beneficial because two storage projects fell out of the process, and this project also includes a PLA and is in CPA’s service territory. Ms. Keefer also added that the RFO protocol allows CPA to pull project offers that were submitted through the RFO into the shortlist process at anytime, and these two substitute projects had previously bid into the RFO.

Committee Chair Ramirez asked how much the shortlist deposit is and Ms. Keefer responded that its $3.00 / KW of capacity, so it varies by size of the project.

Committee Member Harabedian asked if this attrition was expected and Ms. Keefer responded that it was, but that staff plans to expand the number of shortlisted projects in future RFOs given the amount of attrition we did experience in this round.

Committee Member Kulcsar asked the total number of shortlisted projects and Ms. Keefer responded that the initial number was eleven, then those projects were asked to re-bid with an opportunity to improve their price, and two projects fell out, so we ended up with nine projects and now CPA is currently in negotiations with five projects. Committee Member Kulcsar also asked what percentage of our load the 1-2 million MWh renewable energy RFO target represents and Ms. Keefer responded
approximately 10-20%. She also asked what the outcome of the two individuals who provided public comment at the last Board meeting regarding their project was. Matthew Langer, Chief Operating Officer, responded that this project was not determined to be competitive through the evaluation process, but staff worked with Committee Member McKeown, who represents the jurisdiction of these individuals, to follow up on those comments.

Committee Member Peak commented that as SCE moves towards state mandates for renewable energy, it’s exciting to see that CPA is going above and beyond the minimum for renewables development.

Committee Member McKeown asked when the next RFO opportunity would be and Ms. Keefer responded that CPA would release another RFO in about six months.

Committee Member Cox asked how far these projects are along in the development process and Ms. Keefer responded that it varies, but the development risk column in the review criteria demonstrates how far along those projects are.

The following individuals provided public comments on Item 2: Harvey Eder (Public Solar Power Coalition), Joseph Sullivan (IBEW/NECA), and Stephanie Dashiell (The Nature Conservancy).

Motion: Committee Member McKeown, Santa Monica. Second: Committee Member Peak, Malibu. Vote: Item 2 passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Received update on bilateral PPA opportunity for hydro renewable energy

Mr. Bardacke reported that similar to how staff brought forward the Voyager Wind Project last year, CPA has been approached by a hydro project that is a good opportunity for renewable energy contracting, especially since hydro projects recently fell out of the long term RFO process. Ms. Keefer reported that this 12 MW hydro project had bid into one of CPA’s recent short term RFOs, and through negotiations, staff identified that it is available for long term contracting. This project is attractive because it adds diversity to our portfolio, it helps CPA meet our SB 350 long term contracting requirements, it is a de-risked existing resource, and it is very
well priced. Mr. Langer added that CPA has the ability to always consider bilateral opportunities and this particular opportunity is beneficial for CPA to pursue.

The following individual provided public comments on Item 3: Harvey Eder (Public Solar Power Coalition).

This item was for informational purposes only.

4. Received update on January, February, and March 2019 Risk Management Team reports

Mr. Langer reported that during the last three meetings of the CPA Staff Risk Management Team (RMT), the items to highlight are that in January CPA outlined its procurement schedule and planned solicitations for the year, in February CPA approved a set of counterparty credit processes, and in March the RMT discussed that the potential impacts on CPA of SCE being downgraded by several rating agencies due to the wildfires.

This item was for informational purposes only.

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no additional Committee Member comments.

V. ADJOURN

Committee Chair Ramirez adjourned the meeting.
DER Pilot Program Overview

April 24, 2019
Background

- CPA’s data management services contract with Calpine Energy Solutions includes a partnership with Olivine to implement a Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Pilot Program

- Olivine is providing both strategic advice on DER program evaluation as well as implementation services for DER programs that CPA may offer to its customers and/or member agencies

- The DER Pilot Program will be launched by January 2020

- The DER Pilot Program will allow CPA to develop critical learning and capabilities in the DER space and inform the local programs strategic planning process
About Olivine

• Olivine is one of the leading infrastructure and service providers that enables distributed and aggregated resources to offer grid services

• Olivine is one of the first third-parties to integrate battery storage and demand-side technologies into California’s wholesale energy markets

• Olivine’s comprehensive technology platform and operational support team is used by utilities, providers, and resource owners
What are DERs?

- DERs are local, geographically-dispersed resources that enable the shift to consumer choice and cleaner supply.
- DERs can supplant air polluting power plants with other cost-effective options.
- Drivers of DER growth:
  - **State**
    - Renewable Portfolio Standard: 60% by 2030
    - Executive Order: 5 million ZEVs by 2030
    - Storage Mandate (AB 2514)
  - **Federal**
    - FERC RM18-9-00: DER Aggregations in Wholesale Markets
  - **Consumer**
    - Demand for smart-home technologies & EVs
DER Examples

- Various underlying technologies can be considered DERs
- Can be implemented individually or in combination
Growth in DERs

• Forecasted annual installed DER power capacity additions by DER technology, United States 2015-2024

Source: Navigant analysis
**DER Value Proposition**

**CPA Perspective**
- Resource adequacy
- Energy procurement reduction by management of system load profile
- CCA storage mandate
- Customer loyalty/engagement
- Local economic development
- Air quality and public health

**Customer Perspective**
- Unlocks choices for customers to manage energy usage
- Retail energy bill reduction (demand charge management)
- Disaster preparedness and resiliency of critical facilities and infrastructure
- Air quality and public health
Work Plan

- CPA, Olivine, and Calpine are currently working together to meet a 2020 DER Pilot Program launch date

Phase 1
- March 25 – June 14
  - Evaluate DER program options
  - Identify best practices
  - Conduct deep dive analysis on top 3*

Phase 2
- June 15 – August 31
  - Select pilot*
  - Develop design and implementation plan
  - Conduct consumer focus or test groups

Phase 3
- September 6 – Jan 2020
  - Board approves DER Pilot Program
  - Execute DER Mgmt. Agreement
  - Conduct marketing and customer outreach

*Seeking Energy Committee input
DER Program Assessment

CPA is evaluating program options for a DER pilot based on the following desired outcomes:

- Implement a cost-effective, scalable, and viable model
- Improve local air quality and public health in Southern California
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fossil fuel use in transportation and buildings via electrification
- Address underserved market segments, e.g. renters, multifamily buildings, and customers in Disadvantaged Communities
- Help CPA to cost-effectively manage intermittent resources
- Leverage CPA’s member agencies as implementation partners and address specific local needs, including disaster preparedness and infrastructure resiliency
Summary and Next Steps

• CPA will update the Energy Committee on DER program selection, design, and implementation plans through August 2019

• A final DER Pilot Program proposal and budget will be presented to the Board of Directors in September 2019

• CPA targets a program launch in January 2020; the pilot could last as long as four years

• The DER Pilot Program will be conducted in coordination with the local programs strategic planning process
SUMMARY
CPA has a major role to play in transitioning the grid away from greenhouse gas-emitting resources and towards greener capacity alternatives like renewables and energy storage. At the same time, a number of forces are converging in the near-term that could make this transition challenging and costly. CPA is actively monitoring market trends and developing approaches to dealing with uncertainty during this transition.

RESOURCE ADEQUACY PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The Resource Adequacy (RA) program is a statewide program that seeks to ensure sufficient capacity is always available on the grid to ensure reliable electric service. All load serving entities (LSEs) in the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) balancing area, including CCAs, electric service providers (ESPs), investor owned utilities (IOUs) and municipal utilities are subject to the RA program. RA program compliance is primarily administered by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

The RA program sets capacity requirements for three types of capacity: system, local and flexible.
System RA can be located anywhere on the grid, subject to limits on how much capacity can come from Northern California and Southern California respectively.

Local capacity must be procured in designated portions of the grid to ensure local grid reliability. Depending on the territory an LSE serves, the local areas it must procure in will vary. CPA is obligated to procure in the Big Creek Ventura and Los Angeles Basin local capacity areas.

Flexible RA comes from resources that have the ability to ramp up and down to load changes or as variable resources increase or decrease throughout the day. Flexible RA can be procured from either System RA or Local RA areas.

The quantity of RA each LSE must procure is based on its peak load. The requirement is to procure 115% of peak load for each month of the year. For system and flexible RA, 90% of this requirement must be met by October 31 each year for the following year. The remaining 10% for each month must be procured at least 6 weeks prior to the month. For local RA, 100% of the requirement must be met by October 31.

**TRENDS IMPACTING THE RA MARKET**

Over the last several years, numerous trends have converged to disrupt the RA market, increase the cost to meet RA obligations, make compliance more challenging, and raise questions about future reliability.

- **Retirement of existing gas-fired generation:** Due to economic, policy and compliance reasons, thousands of megawatts of gas-fired generation have either retired over the last several years or are expected to retire soon. One reason is the requirement for units that use once-through cooling technology to shut down (e.g. Redondo Beach Generating Station). Another reason is an increased focus on renewables leading to fewer interested buyers for long-term contracts with gas units, resulting in less economic incentive for units to continue operating. According to the CPUC 2017 Resource Adequacy Report, 3,851 MW of older gas and cogeneration facilities retired during 2017. While this was partially offset by
438 MW of new resources, overall 2017-2018 saw a significant decrease in available capacity. Although new energy storage and renewable resources are being added to the grid to offset declining capacity from gas-fired resources, the retirements of existing units are continuing to outpace new generation by a large margin.

- **Market power of generators:** The CPUC has become concerned that some generators, particularly in resource constrained local areas, may be able to exercise market power by withholding capacity in order to receive above-market prices for their capacity. In some cases, the market power concern is a result of recent unit retirements, although other areas have been constrained historically.

- **Buyer fragmentation:** Historically, the RA market had been limited to the three large IOUs, plus a number of smaller ESPs and municipal utilities. Over the last several years, the creation of nearly 20 new CCAs has significantly reduced the share of the market covered by IOUs and has created market fragmentation that increases complexity of market transactions. In 2017, there were 29 CPUC-jurisdictional LSEs (comprised of three IOUs, 14 ESPs, and 12 CCAs). Fifteen years ago when the RA program began, there were zero CCAs in the market. With the addition of CPA and other new CCAs, the number of LSEs is now significantly higher and continuing to grow.

Some generators have expressed the concern that it is more difficult to find a buyer for the full RA capacity of their facility with more, smaller LSEs in the market. They argue that without long-term buyers for their full capacity, they could be forced to retire the units. Additionally, an increasing number of LSEs have filed waivers in recent years for their inability to meet RA compliance requirements. The reasons for waiver requests are not public, but possible reasons include unavailability of RA and high RA prices.

**RESPONSES TO MARKET TRENDS**
Responses to the trends discussed above have come from the CPUC and the State Legislature. The CPUC has an open proceeding to review the RA program rules. It is largely in this venue that the CPUC has raised concerns about market power and buyer
fragmentation. In a recent decision, the CPUC ordered two key changes to the RA program. First, each LSE will be required to procure local RA for three years in advance starting with the 2020 RA compliance year. The main reason for adding this requirement is to provide more certainty for generators with the hope of slowing unit retirements.

The second major element of the recent CPUC decision is the introduction of a central buyer for local RA. The decision furthers consideration of two possible central buyer options. The primary option is for a central buyer that procures residual capacity after LSEs first have the opportunity to meet RA requirements on their own. If individual LSEs do not procure enough or are unable to address location-specific requirements, the central buyer would step in. The secondary option, should the details of a residual central buyer approach prove unworkable, is for a full central buyer to be responsible for purchasing all local RA capacity. The CPUC is expected to determine how to move forward by the end of the year.

The State Legislature is also considering a variety of bills that would create a central buyer for RA, renewable energy and other energy products. CPA is monitoring these actions at the Legislature and the CPUC and seeking to achieve outcomes that are in line with CPAs goals and the needs of our customers.

**FUTURE RA CONSIDERATIONS**

Given the trends in the market and the potential legislative and regulatory response, the future of the RA market is uncertain. Some issues to consider are:

- **Central buyer:** If a central buyer for RA is implemented, CPA’s role in RA procurement could change significantly.

- **Further generation unit retirements:** Gas-fired generation retirements are expected to continue over the next several years. This is likely to lead to increased prices as RA resources become scarcer. It is likely that the state will become more reliant on imported generation to meet capacity needs during certain periods. The number of LSEs who are unable to meet the RA requirements may increase either due to supply shortages or unwillingness to pay excessive prices.
Transition to cleaner RA resources: In the medium to long-term, an increasing percentage of RA resources will come from clean resources. This includes a growing amount of renewable energy and energy storage. However, the timeline for this transition is unclear and markets could prove volatile until new resources are built. In addition, statewide planning processes, like the CPUC’s integrated resource planning process, is still in the early stages of addressing the transition from gas-fired generation to clean resources.
SUMMARY

Key Actions
- Evaluated March market performance, including impacts of cold weather in early March and low day-time prices due to spring conditions later in the month, including low demands and high solar generation.
- Reviewed updated long-term load forecast that incorporates refreshed opt out rate assumptions. The load forecast will continue to be updated with actual Phase 4 customer opt out trends.
- Reviewed newly-implemented risk modeling tool and hedging scenarios to be evaluated in the future.
- Reviewed open positions and approved purchase of energy hedges covering the period of May 2019 through December 2021.

Policy Compliance
No new policy compliance issues to report.