



**CALIFORNIA IBEW-NECA
LABOR MANAGEMENT COOPERATION COMMITTEE**



Statement to WE&T Sub-Committee Meeting

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I. Incorporation of DVC WE&T Guidance Plan Recommendations into the Long-Term Business Plans

We want a commitment that the Business Plans due in August will include an implementation plan for the IOU-funded 2014 Donald Vial Center Guidance Plan workforce quality proposals.

We need to ensure that the Business Plans don't lock us into ten more years of inaction on this issue.

Plans should address how they will implement the recommendations to implement:

- Workforce skill certification requirements, such as CALCTP certification for advanced lighting projects
- Prevailing wage requirements – so that contractors will be chosen based on quality, not price
- Skilled workforce prequalification requirements based on requiring a majority of jobsite workers to be comprised of journey persons or apprentices
- Targeted hiring goals for disadvantaged workers and communities

II. Follow up on Compliance with 2015 Business Plan Commitments

We would like the IOUs to report on how they have complied with the preliminary WE&T implementation commitments set forth in their 2015 Tier 2 advice letter.

- In D.14-10-046, *Decision Establishing Energy Efficiency Savings Goals and Approving 2015 Energy Efficiency Programs and Budgets*, the CPUC directed the IOUs to file a Tier 2 advice letter describing how they would incorporate the Guidance Plan recommendations and describing which recommendations would be initiated in 2015.
- On February 23, 2015, the IOUs issued their Tier 2 advice letter.

- The advice letter claimed that the IOUs would begin adopting “skill certification requirements for advanced lighting controls and HVAC Quality Installation and Quality Maintenance and other available skill standards and certification guidance.”
- The advice letter states that the IOUs will “initiate” implementation of the recommendation to require CALCTP certification for all ratepayer-subsidized advanced lighting control system.
- The advice letter states that the IOU’s 2015 ratepayer funded energy efficiency activities will include adopting a responsible contractor policy for contractors that work directly with the IOUs.
- The advice letter states that the IOU’s 2015 activities will include establishing prevailing wage and targeted hire goals for contractors that are preselected by the IOUs or have a direct contracting relationship with the IOUs.

But as far as we can tell nothing has been done by any of the IOUs to meaningfully implement these recommendations.

We want to know what, if any, steps have been taken by each of the IOUs to comply with these commitments.

III. Ongoing WE&T Studies

- In their 2015 Tier 2 advice letters, the IOUs stated that they were completing three studies that would help them assess how to implement the DVC WE&T Guidance Plan recommendations.
- We’d like the IOUs to report on the status of these studies and would like an opportunity for this subcommittee to review the reports on these studies before they are finalized.

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