



CPUC Proposes Major BioMAT Changes

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In early March, the CPUC released a revised Staff Proposal on the BioMAT program. The Staff Proposal contains 15 separate and significant proposals to revise the BioMAT program. Generally, the proposals are quite helpful and some – extending the program end date – are absolutely critical. The most significant recommendations in the Staff Proposal would:

- Extend the BioMAT program end date from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2025;
- Make the program statewide, allowing other purchasers of BioMAT power, instead of limiting it to the three investor-owned utilities;
- Provide greater operational flexibility and reduce some of the excessive penalty provisions;
- Extend the time allowed for projects to begin commercial operation;
- Set deadlines for utilities to execute contracts; and
- Require projects to provide lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions analyses

See [CPUC's BioMAT Staff Proposal \(March2020\)](#)