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Question:

Decision, Nov. 6, 2024, Docket No. 24-08-03, Annual Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program Review – Year 4, pp. 8–9. Based on the EDCs' experience administering the SCEF Program, evaluate whether developers are sufficiently aware of the requirements of Public Act No. 21-43, An Act Concerning A Just Transition To Climate-Protective Energy Production And Community Investment, codified as General Statutes § 31-53d, (Public Act 21-43) particularly the prevailing wage requirements applicable to projects of two megawatts (MW) or greater. If the EDCs have observed insufficient awareness or compliance with these requirements, provide a recommendation on whether the SCEF Program Manual should be revised to include a more explicit reference to the applicable requirements of Public Act No. 21-43.

Response:

The EDCs are not in a position to oversee or administer developer compliance with the prevailing wage requirements of Public Act 21-43, as such compliance is outside the scope of the EDCs' administration of the SCEF Program. The EDCs' role is to administer the SCEF procurement and applicable program requirements, rather than to independently verify compliance with prevailing wage requirements.

The EDCs note that Appendix B of the SCEF Program Manual already requires bidders to acknowledge and comply with the applicable requirements of Public Act 21-43, including the requirements applicable to projects of two MW or greater. This requirement provides an explicit reference to the applicable statutory obligations at the time of bidding. Based on the existing requirement in Appendix B and the EDCs' role in administering the SCEF Program, the EDCs do not recommend any additional revisions to the SCEF Program Manual regarding Public Act 21-43.