**Section 1700.310 Initiation of Notice of Inquiry**

a) The Manager of the Policy Analysis and Research Division (PAR) will recommend to the Commission that a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) be opened for a specific purpose.

b) The Manager of PAR will designate an "NOI Manager" to conduct workshops and discussions as are necessary to address the issues raised in the Commission's directive for the specific NOI.

c) A specific NOI proceeding will be initiated by authorization of the Commission.

d) The Notice of Inquiry proceeding is not a rulemaking. However, information gathered may or may not form the basis for the initiation of rulemaking or for other purposes at a later date. The NOI proceeding is non-decisional in character. The proceeding will not lead to an enforceable Commission action by itself.