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Restoring Ancestral Bonds: The CPUC's Commitment to Environmental and Social Justice and Tribal Legacy in California

The CPUC exemplifies a trailblazing commitment to environmental and social justice, particularly in its robust support for tribal communities and land conservation throughout California.

The CPUC has achieved a legacy of dedicated, long-term land preservation efforts through its [Settlement Agreement](#) with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) in the utility's bankruptcy case. This groundbreaking agreement not only required PG&E to create the [Pacific Forest and Watershed](#)

[Stewardship Council](#) (Stewardship Council) but also allocated \$100 million of ratepayer funds to the initiative. Of this, \$70 million was designated for land planning and enhancements, known as the Land Conservation Commitment (LCC), and \$30 million was dedicated to youth educational programs.

A defining moment in these endeavors came with the momentous restitution of more than 2,300 acres of ancestral lands to the Mountain Maidu people, restoring their connection to

Humbug Valley, or [Tásmam Kojóm](#). This landmark achievement not only highlighted the CPUC's deep-rooted dedication to conscientious land stewardship and preservation but also echoed a broader vision of its [Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan](#).

One of the most compelling aspects of the Mountain Maidu community's land restitution is the potential it holds for the future. [The Maidu Summit](#)

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CPUC Initiates New Proceeding to Enhance Grid Reliability in California

The CPUC has opened a new proceeding to continue efforts to ensure the availability of reliable and cost-effective electricity supply in California through implementation and administration of its Resource Adequacy program.

The preliminary scope of issues for the new proceeding includes:

- The adoption of Local and Flexible capacity procurement requirements for the years 2025-2028, targeting entities that provide power to the grid.
- Evaluation of potential adjustments to the recently introduced 24-hour Slice-of-Day planning framework. This framework is designed to ensure grid reliability during each hour of the peak load day every month; 2024 serves as a test year for Slice-of-Day, allowing stakeholders to assess the effectiveness of newly developed filing tools before full implementation.
- Consideration of modifications to the Resource Adequacy penalty structure and other incentives to encourage compliance with program requirements.
- Coordination with [Integrated Resource Plan](#) activities, including determining appropriate Planning Reserve Margin requirements for short-term planning as compared to the longer considerations in the Integrated Resource Plan proceeding.



- Exploration of changes in the counting methods for Qualifying Capacity, including those for Demand Response resources.
- Examination of other potential adjustments to the Resource Adequacy program that may be proposed by stakeholders.

Resource Adequacy serves as the platform where the CPUC ensures the secure and reliable real-time operation of the electric grid, ensuring the availability of adequate resources for the California Independent System Operator when and where they are needed.

To stay updated on this proceeding, [subscribe to documents](#) using the proceeding number (R.23-10-011) and feel free to leave your comments on the [Docket Card](#). ■

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SAN DIEGANS:

Mark Your Calendar for Public Forums on SDG&E's Rate Design Request

The CPUC will hold in-person and virtual public forums for customers of San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) to provide input into the company's proposal to allocate previously approved electric costs among customers (e.g., residential, commercial, industrial) through electric rates.

WHEN: Nov. 6, 2023: 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. (in-person only)
Nov. 20, 2023: 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. (virtual only)

The public forums will begin with a brief overview of SDG&E's electric rate design proposals, then parties to the proceeding may provide brief overviews, and then public comments will be heard. At least one representative from SDG&E will be available to answer questions about individual customer bills or service.

IN-PERSON LOCATION FOR THE NOV. 6TH PUBLIC FORUMS

- Escondido City Council Chambers, 201 N. Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025

If you wish to make a public comment, please sign up at the Public Advisor's table upon arrival.

REMOTE ACCESS OPTIONS FOR THE NOV. 20TH VIRTUAL PUBLIC FORUMS

- Live [video broadcast](#) with English or Spanish captions.
- Phone: 1-800-857-1917, passcode: 6032788#

Customers can also make their voice heard in this proceeding, and read the comments of others, on the proceeding's Docket Card [comment section](#).

Background

On January 17, 2023, SDG&E submitted its [General Rate Case \(GRC\) Phase 2 Application](#) to the CPUC seeking approval to allocate the costs that were approved in Phase 1 of the GRC. A GRC Phase 2 primarily focuses on modifying rate structures and the allocation of revenue among customer classes (e.g., residential, commercial, industrial). According to SDG&E, the requested rate adjustments include:



- Extending the weekday Super Off-Peak Time-of-Use period, the period of the day when SDG&E's Time-of-Use rates are the lowest, to include additional hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. year-round;
- Introducing a new rate class for medium-sized commercial customers providing rates that are more aligned with these customers' cost of service; and,
- Adopting rates that better reflect the cost of providing service for customers, among other rate design changes. (SDG&E's application does not propose any alterations to SDG&E's previously authorized electric revenues and makes no requests for changes to natural gas rates.)

SDG&E's proposal would decrease average residential rates by 0.3 percent, decrease average small commercial rates by 0.2 percent, decrease average large commercial and industrial rates by 1.1 percent, and increase average agricultural customer rates by 1.3 percent.

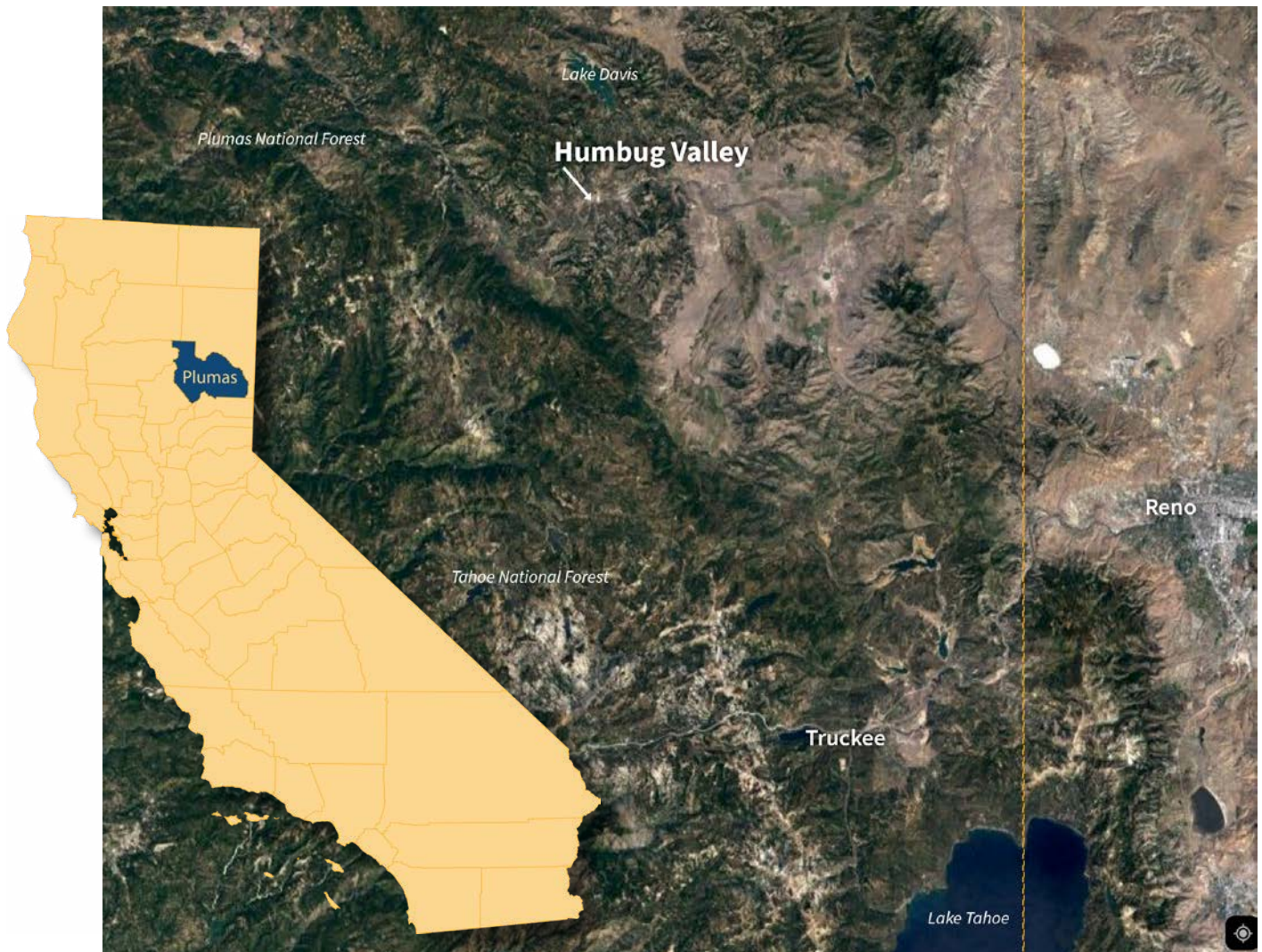
The CPUC welcomes attendance and comments at the public forums (formally called Public Participation Hearings), as public comments help the CPUC reach an informed decision. The Administrative Law Judge assigned to the proceeding is scheduled to issue a Proposed Decision in the case for consideration by the CPUC within a year. ■

[Consortium \(MSC\)](#) vision includes transforming Tásmam Kojóm into California’s first Native American tribal cultural park. Their plans include harmonizing public recreation with education about tribal culture and history, offering guided tours, camping opportunities, basket-weaving instruction, and Maidu language restoration programs. All of these initiatives aim to enrich visitors’ understanding and appreciation of the Maidu people’s heritage.

“In the restitution of Tásmam Kojóm, we witness more than a return of land. We see the revival of an ancestral bond that breathes life into the landscape. This is environmental justice in action, a pledge by the CPUC to not just conserve nature but to restore the spirit of cultures cradled in these forests and valleys,” said Kenneth C. Holbrook, Tribal Advisor at the CPUC. “As we move forward, let every step echo with the respect for those who have walked these paths before us and the resolve to protect the sacred symphony of life and legacy in California’s wilderness.”

Key partners in this endeavor include the [Feather River Land Trust](#) and the [California Department of Fish and Wildlife](#), who hold the conservation easement and collaborate with the Maidu on land management strategies. These strategies encompass fish and wildlife management, benefitting the area’s flora and fauna as well.

The profound impact of this initiative extends beyond the Maidu community; it is a beacon of hope and a model for future cooperative land management between tribal groups and state entities. It highlights the CPUC’s commitment to a multifaceted approach to land stewardship that honors the past, enriches the present, and safeguards the future. Ultimately, this CPUC initiative is a testament to the power of collaborative stewardship and serves as a reminder that when we respect the land and the heritage it sustains, we contribute to a richer, more inclusive future for all Californians. ■



THE DOCKET:

Proceedings Filed at the CPUC September 2023

PROCEEDING NUMBER | FILED DATE | FILER

A2308014 | 8/22/2023 | TERA FIBER, LLC

Application of TeraFiber, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide (i) full facilities-based and resold competitive local exchange service throughout the service territories of AT&T California, Frontier California Inc., Consolidated Communications of California Company, and Citizens Telecommunications Company of California; and (ii) full facilities-based and resold non-dominant interexchange services on a statewide basis.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=ALL&DocID=518933396>

A2308015 | 8/16/2023 | WI-FIBER OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, LLC

Application of Wi-Fiber of Northern California, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Full Facilities-Based and Resold Competitive Local Exchange and Non-Dominant Interexchange Service.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=ALL&DocID=518933397>

A2308016 | 8/24/2023 | DUCOR TELEPHONE COMPANY

Application of Ducor Telephone Company (U1007C), Varcomm Broadband, Inc. (U7385C), V Squared Holdings, Inc and The Eric N. Votaw Separate Property Trust Dated February 27, 2023 for approval of transfer of control pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 854(a).

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=518875551>

A2308017 | 8/24/2023 | COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

Application of the County of Stanislaus to construct proposed North County Corridor overhead grade separation at Burlington Northern Santa Fe Rail Corridor (MP 1094.492) within the County of Stanislaus, California.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=518901597>

A2308018 | 8/30/2023 | CRIMSON CALIFORNIA PIPELINE, L.P.

In the Matter of the Application of Crimson California Pipeline L.P. (PLC-26) for Authority to Increase Rates for Its Crude Oil Pipeline Services. (NORTHERN CALIFORNIA)

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=518983181>

A2308019 | 8/29/2023 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

In The Matter of the Application of Southern California Gas Company (U 904 G) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Ventura Compressor Modernization Project.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=518988977>

A2308020 | 8/31/2023 | RANCH WIFI, LLC

In the Matter of the Application of Ranch WiFi, LLC for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide full facilities-based and resold competitive local exchange service throughout the service territories of Pacific Bell Telephone Company, Frontier California, Inc., Frontier Communications of the Southwest, Inc., Consolidated Communications of California Company, and Citizens Telecommunications Company of California, Inc. and full facilities-based and resold interexchange services on a statewide basis.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=519007949>

A2309001 | 9/1/2023 | PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (U39E) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing the Construction of the Northern San Joaquin 230 kV Transmission Project.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M519/K264/519264432.PDF>

A2007008 | 9/6/2023 | ALJ/JUNGREIS/CPUC

Proposed Decision granting compensation to Wild Tree Foundation for substantial contribution in Decision 20-11-007.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=519776302>

A2102020 | 9/8/2023 | ALJ/JUNGREIS/CPUC

Proposed Decision denying Compensation Claim of The Utility Reform Network.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=519776769>

A2109009 | 9/6/2023 | ALJ/MELVIN/CPUC

Proposed Decision granting Quality Voie & Data, Inc. a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide resold interexchange services.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=519777281>

R1807003 | 9/7/2023 | ALJ/ATAMTURK/CPUC

Proposed Decision denying Petition for Modification of Decision 20-10-005.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=519776870>

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A2308021 | 8/22/2023 | TIME CLOCK SOLUTIONS, LLC

In the Matter of the Application of TIME CLOCK SOLUTIONS, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Limited Facilities-based Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications Services within the State of California.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M519/K776/519776520.PDF>

A2106021 | 9/13/2023 | ALJ/DEANGELIS/LARSEN/CPUC

Proposed Decision on Test Year 2023 General Rate Case for Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520418881>

A2106021 | 9/13/2023 | CMMR/JOHN REYNOLDS/CPUC

Alternate Proposed Decision of Commissioner Reynolds on Test Year 2023 General Rate Case for Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520114360>

C2008003 | 9/13/2023 | ALJ/TOY/CPUC

Presiding Officer's Decision Dismissing Complaint.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520097412>

A2309002 | 9/5/2023 | CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY

In the Matter of the Application of California Water Service Company (U60W) to Modify the Scope of its PFAS Memorandum Account to Include Capital Costs and Provide for Periodic Rate Base Adjustments.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=519776151>

A2309006 | 9/13/2023 | BLUE CASA TELEPHONE, LLC

Application of Blue Casa Telephone, LLC (U7222C) to Discontinue Its Provision of Local Exchange and Interexchange Services, including Basic Service, and Relinquish Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=ALL&DocID=520418937>

A2309007 | 9/14/2023 | PAVLOV MEDIA, INC.

Application of MIP VI Trainer, L.P. and Pavlov Media, Inc. for Authority Permitting MIP VI Trainer, L.P. to acquire indirect control of Campus Communications Group Inc. (U7352C).

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M520/K418/520418900.PDF>

C2308022 | 8/24/2023 | YOCHA DEHE WINTUN NATION

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, a federally-recognized tribal government, Complainant vs. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E), Defendant [Charging allegations are unlawful application of the Minimum Import Requirement and violation of PG&E Electric Schedule S.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520114318>

C2308023 | 8/25/2023 | YOCHA DEHE WINTUN NATION

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, a federally-recognized tribal government, Complainant vs. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E), Defendant [Charging allegation is unlawful imposition of the Public Purpose Program charges.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520418838>

(ECP) C2309003 | 9/8/2023 | ISRAEL BORGES

(ECP) Israel Borges, Complainant vs. Southern California Edison Company (U338E), Defendant. [Charging allegation is billing error.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520114315>

(ECP) C2309004 | 9/8/2023 | ANTON CALLAWAY

(ECP) Anton Callaway, Complainant vs. Southern California Edison Company (U338E), Defendant. [Charging allegation is billing error.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520097353>

A1911019 | 9/22/2023 | ALJ/DOHERTY/CPUC

Proposed Decision resolving Petition for Modification and Premature E-TOU-D Modifications.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520481489>

C2211014 | 9/18/2023 | ALJ/ZHANG/CPUC

Presiding Officer's Decision Dismissing Complaint.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520470639>

A2309008 | 9/15/2023 | PACIFICORP

Application of PacifiCorp (U901E) for Approval of its 2024 Energy Cost Adjustment Clause and Greenhouse Gas-Related Forecast and Reconciliation of Costs and Revenue.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520469519>

A2309009 | 9/15/2023 | SCS UNIFIED COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

Application of SCS Unified Communications, LLC for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation Pursuant to the Provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520469551>

A2309010 | 9/20/2023 | CALAVERAS TELEPHONE COMPANY

Application of Calaveras Telephone Company (U1004C) For an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Notes In an Amount Not Exceeding \$15,277,786 And Execution of a Related Agreement and Supplemental Security Agreements.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520471121>

A2309011 | 9/11/2023 | SMALL BUSINESS UTILITY ADVOCATES

Application of Small Business Utility Advocates for award of intervenor compensation for substantial contributions to Resolution M-4868.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520482291>

C2309005 | 9/11/2023 | EDWARD FREITAS

Edward and Elizabeth Freitas, Complainants vs. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E), Defendant. [Charging allegation is failure to provide safe and reliable electric service.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520118680>

A2307010 | 7/24/2023 | NW TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC.

Application of NW Technologies Group, Inc. for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation Pursuant to the Provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=514815829>

A2112006 ET AL. | 9/25/2023 | ALJ/WANG/CPUC

Proposed Decision adopting Dynamic Export Rate Pilot and dismissing application for a Real Time Pricing Rate Pilot.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520482457>

A2205013 | 9/25/2023 | ALJ/LIRAG/CPUC

Proposed Decision closing Risk Assessment Mitigation Phase.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520480515>

I1906014 | 9/29/2023 | CMMR/HOUCK/CPUC

Proposed Decision directing Southern California Gas Company and Sempra to revise Safety Culture Improvement Plan.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520495896>

R2001007 | 9/27/2023 | ALJ/FOGEL/CPUC

Proposed Decision on Phase 2 issues regarding Transmission Pipelines and Storage.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520496934>

R2008021 | 9/28/2023 | CMMR/HOUCK/CPUC

Proposed Decision addressing staff proposal on establishment of a Broadband Loan Loss Reserve Fund.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520496874>

C2207008 | 9/25/2023 | ALJ/LIRAG/CPUC

Presiding Officers Decision granting withdrawal of Complaint.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520480513>

C2208004 | 9/28/2023 | ALJ/MASON/CPUC

Presiding Officer's Decision Dismissing Complaint.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520495865>

A2309012 | 9/18/2023 | ONE STOP TELECOM

Application of One Stop Telecom for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation pursuant to the provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520489063>

A2309013 | 9/25/2023 | WILD GOOSE STORAGE, LLC

Joint Application of Wild Goose Storage, LLC (U911G) and Lodi Gas Storage, L.L.C. (U912G) for an Order under Public Utilities Code Sections 829 and 853 to Exempt from Commission Authorization the Encumbrance of the Assets of Wild Goose Storage, LLC and Lodi Gas Storage, L.L.C. and the Issuance of a Corporate Guarantee, or in the Alternative for Authorization for the Same Relief under Sections 830 and 851.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M520/K496/520496818.PDF>

A2309014 | 9/11/2023 | SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

Application of San Francisco for Rehearing of Resolution TL-19145.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=ALL&DocID=518933396>

A2309015 | 9/11/2023 | SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

Application of San Francisco for Rehearing of Resolution TL-19144.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=ALL&DocID=518933397>



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This monthly newsletter is to keep you informed of proposals by the CPUC's Commissioners and Administrative Law Judges, as well as utility applications, and other issues and work of note. We also include a list summarizing the filings at the CPUC in the previous month.

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