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CPUC Opens Proceeding to Consider PG&E Reorganization

As Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) continues to work its way through U.S. Bankruptcy Court, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) opened a formal proceeding at its Sept. 26 Voting Meeting in San Francisco to consider the ratemaking and other implications of the utility's eventual reorganization.

PG&E and its holding company, PG&E Corp., filed voluntary bankruptcy petitions on Jan. 29, following back-to-back wildfire seasons that were the most destructive and deadly in California history. Several of the worst blazes, including the November 2018 Camp Fire that claimed more than 80 lives in and around the Butte County town of Paradise, were determined by CalFire to have been caused by PG&E's electric transmission lines.

Because the CPUC is the primary state regulator of PG&E, the bankruptcy case cannot be resolved until the CPUC has reviewed and approved any proposed reorganization plan and related transactions to make sure they comply with California law. That includes the



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omnibus wildfire safety legislation signed in July by Gov. Gavin Newsom, Assembly Bill 1054.

Among its other provisions, that legislation calls for establishment of a Wildfire Insurance Fund to pay eligible claims to fire victims. For PG&E to participate in the fund, it must meet by no later than June

30, 2020 a number of Bankruptcy Court and regulatory determinations spelled out by the legislation.

"As we move through this reorganization, we must have a public process that informs and that allows us to consider the public's input, as we, along with the Bankruptcy Court, work towards confirming a

safe, sustainable, affordable plan of reorganization," Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves said of the Commission's action Sept. 26.

"Our actions today provide a critical venue for the CPUC to work with stakeholders in analyzing and

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Concerns Arise About So. Cal's Winter Natural Gas Supplies

CPUC Executive Director says Southern California Gas Company should immediately increase storage

Amid ongoing concerns about the availability of natural gas in Southern California this winter, Alice Stebbins, the CPUC's executive director, notified Southern California Gas Co.'s chief operating officer in a Sept. 17 letter that the utility "should take immediate action to

increase (natural gas) injections at all available storage facilities."

Gas supplies have been a concern in Southern California for several years due to ongoing maintenance work being done on two pipelines that serve the region and because of the reduced use of the utility's

largest natural gas storage facility, Aliso Canyon, which experienced a serious leak that was detected in October 2015 and was not plugged until February 2016.

As Executive Director Stebbins wrote in her letter to Bret Lane, SoCalGas' top executive, "The Cali-

fornia Public Utilities Commission continues to be concerned about the current status of the Southern California Gas Company's storage inventory, system operations and ability to provide natural gas this

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appropriately responding to the PG&E plan for reorganization,” added Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma.

The proceeding that will be used to evaluate the company’s reorganization is formally known as an OII, which stands for “Order Instituting Investigation.” In voting 5-0 to approve the OII, the Commission established the scope of what it will be considering once a proposed reorganization has been put forward by the Bankruptcy Court. As spelled out in the OII, preliminary issues to be addressed will include:

1. Whether it is reasonable to approve a proposed plan of reorganization submitted by PG&E and PG&E Corp., and any related plan amendments, or any other relevant plan of reorganization that may be submitted for the Commission’s approval, and any related proposed settlement agreement or other documents, taking into consideration:
 - a. The ratemaking implications of such proposed plan and settlement agreement;
 - b. Whether the proposed plan and settlement agreement provide satisfactory resolution of claims for monetary fines or penalties for PG&E’s pre-petition conduct;
 - c. Whether to approve a governance structure for the utility, and the appropriate disposition of potential changes to PG&E’s corporate structure and authorizations to operate;
 - d. Whether it is reasonable and appropriate for the Commission to make any other approvals related to the confirmation and implementation of the proposed plan; and
 - e. Any other findings relevant for the Commission to approve a proposed settlement agreement, including whether such settlement is in the public interest.

2. Whether the Commission should make the following determinations for a Commission-approved reorganization plan and other documents resolving the insolvency proceeding:

- a. PG&E’s governance structure resulting from the plan is acceptable in light of PG&E’s safety history, criminal probation, recent financial condition, and other factors deemed relevant by the Commission;
- b. The plan is consistent with the state’s climate goals pursuant to the California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program and related procurement requirements of the state;
- c. The plan is neutral, on average, to PG&E’s ratepayers; and
- d. The plan recognizes the contributions of PG&E’s ratepayers, if any, to resolving the insolvency proceeding and compensates them accordingly through mechanisms approved by the Commission.

By launching the OII, the CPUC is not indicating whether it will approve or disapprove any proposed Plan of Reorganization that has been proposed or suggested to date. The CPUC is an active participant in PG&E’s Chapter 11 case and will continue to represent the interests of California in the Bankruptcy Court. The CPUC’s focus remains on ensuring that wildfire victims are compensated, and Northern California receives safe and reliable service at reasonable rates consistent with achieving California’s climate goals.

The OII launched by the Commission on Sept. 26 gives PG&E until Oct. 7 to respond to the OII, with a pre-hearing conference on the proceeding now scheduled for Oct. 23 in the Commission Courtroom at the agency’s headquarters at 505 Van Ness Ave. in San Francisco.

The Order voted on is available at: <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M313/K942/313942079.PDF>

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winter.”

During the week before the letter was sent, SoCalGas had approximately 70.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas in storage, compared to 78.2 billion cubic feet a year earlier.

The gap is even more concerning because of pipeline maintenance that has taken longer than anticipated. “With pipeline capacity reduced by maintenance on Lines 235-2 and 4000,” Stebbins wrote, “SoCalGas is unlikely to be able to close the inventory gap and may fall farther behind.”

In May of this year, the Energy Division’s Winter 2018-19 SoCalGas Conditions and Operations Report found that there were several winter days when maximum withdrawals at the utility’s non-Aliso storage fields and near-maximum pipeline supplies were not enough to meet gas demand, Stebbins letter points out.

Additionally, the combined non-Aliso storage fields had declined to 32 percent of their maximum inventory by the end of last winter,



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which limited their withdrawal capacity and made it more difficult to meet daily demand.

Consequently, Stebbins wrote: “If the non-Aliso fields begin winter at a lower inventory than last year while pipeline supply remains unchanged—or even

slightly worse—that could lead to heightened reliability concerns for Southern California compared to last winter.”

Saying she intends to obtain full Commission ratification at a future Commission meeting of her actions called for in her Sept. 17

letter, Stebbins directed SoCalGas to file an advice letter containing a status report of monthly storage inventories and an analysis of the effectiveness of these of these temporary modifications in increasing storage inventory within 30 days of Dec. 31, 2019.

California's Emissions Fall as GDP and Population Rise

We've all heard the adage "a picture is worth a thousand words." It seems the same can be said of a simple line graph.

During a Sept. 5 joint agency workshop focusing on California's path to 100 percent carbon-free electricity by 2045, a line graph was presented that contained only a few words but nevertheless told a powerful story of success.

Depicting California's population growth and economic activity increasing from 2000 to 2017, the graph also has three lines pointing down and illustrating a reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for that same time period. In other words, California had added people and economic output, even as it has reduced GHG emissions that contribute to climate change.

That's a California success story and a potent rebuttal to climate deniers who claim aggressive pro-environment policies hurt the economy.

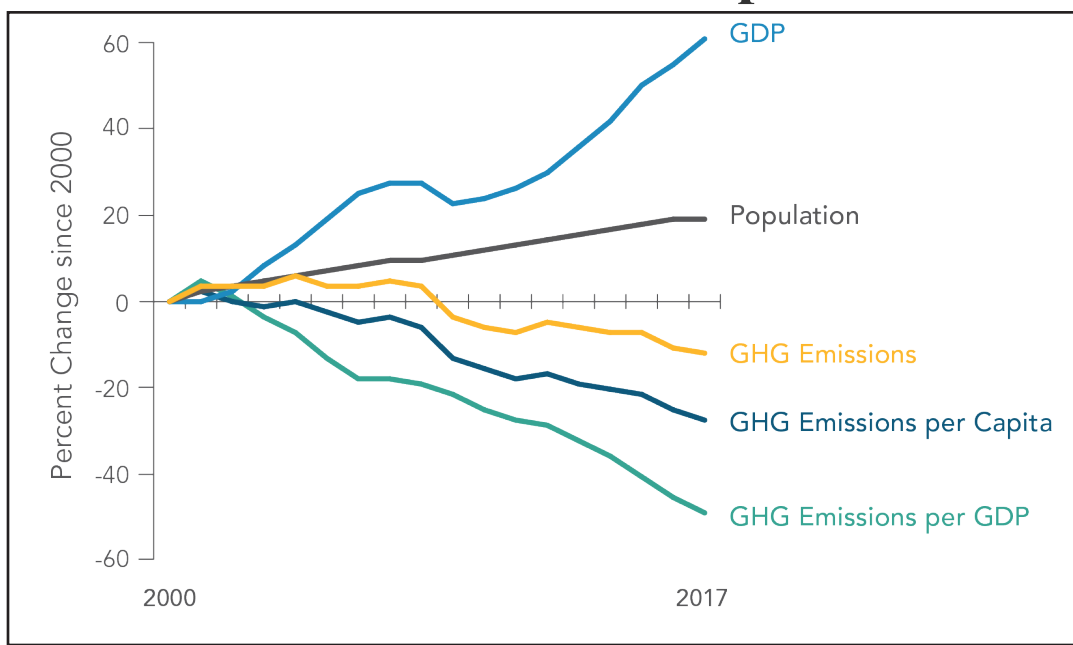
The setting for the presentation was the first of several public workshops on collaborative work by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), California Energy Commission (CEC), and California Air Resources Board (CARB) in evaluating progress meeting the 2045 carbon-free electricity goal in Senate Bill 100. The legislation was signed into law a year ago by former Gov. Jerry Brown.

The report, which must be presented to the Legislature by Jan. 1, 2021, will be developed with extensive stakeholder outreach and public participation through the workshops, which included a second session in Fresno held Sept. 30 and another in Diamond Bar on Oct. 8.

Wade Crowfoot, secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency, framed the scope of the collaborative work in his opening remarks.

"SB 100 and the state's clean energy and climate leadership have never been more important," he said. "Not a week goes by, it seems like, that we don't read more alarming news on the impacts of climate change.

"Whether it's the acceleration of ice melt in the Arctic or closer to



GHG Inventory Chart, courtesy of California Air Resources Board.

home the loss of three million acres — three percent of our land mass — in California as a result of mega fires over the last couple of years. Or increasingly alarming science on the impacts of sea level rise on California's coast and beaches."

Alice Reynolds, Gov. Gavin Newsom's senior advisor for energy, also helped kick off the first workshop. Among other things, she touched on how the job will be even tougher because the state and utility ratepayers are already required to spend more money mitigating the current and future effects of climate change.

"We're not planning for the world now," Reynolds said. "We're planning for the world that will be, and that means hotter summers, increased air conditioning, changing technology and a world where we are more and more dependent on electricity in our everyday lives."

The CPUC will continue to play a pivotal role in helping California achieve its clean-energy goals, Commissioner Liane Randolph said in her opening remarks, by taking steps to encourage new markets and infrastructure investment for renewable and other clean energy. She also stressed the need to be open about identifying and discussing barriers to achieving the carbon-free goal so those barriers can be overcome. "We need to treat them as opportunities," she said,

"so we create and grow the markets for a clean energy future."

She also took exception to those who say environmental regulations stifle job creation and economic growth.

"As we're seeing in the coal industry, rolling back environmental regulations doesn't create jobs," Randolph said. "Moving to a new energy future creates jobs. And we want to make sure that those jobs are good paying jobs, full-time jobs (and that) people can use those jobs to raise their families."

Another focus of the workshop was an emphasis on equity, as spelled out at the outset by Secretary Crowfoot and emphasized by subsequent speakers.

"The Governor's been very clear on this," Secretary Crowfoot said. "We fail on SB 100 and our clean-energy goals if we are not addressing social and economic inequity in our state, if we achieve a clean energy economy and leave those with the least behind."

CPUC Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma, who also participated in the workshop, echoed that sentiment, using her own personal experience as an example.

"I hail from San Joaquin county. I was born and raised there," she said. "My family spent some time on public assistance. I lived it. I know it. In that experience, I know through opportunity and innova-

tion that a person like myself can have a career in energy and hopefully make a difference... I hope to bring that experience (to help) toward reaching that goal."

CARB Chair Mary Nichols made a similar point when she told the audience, "We are responding increasingly from the demands that are coming from the public to focus our work more at the community level to show how our efforts can succeed for all Californians," Nichols said. "This is not just a matter of paying lip service to it while we go about doing what we really want to do. This is central to our success if we are going to achieve these goals."

CEC Chair David Hochschild noted how California's success, particularly as the state continues to move toward its 2045 carbon-free electricity goals and still grows its economy, will have implications elsewhere.

"California's leadership in creating a clean energy backbone will play a key role across the country," he said. "The report will evaluate pathways that will impact the affordability, reliability, and safety of our electric system. The joint collaboration will bring together the lessons learned from all our work and strengthen the approaches needed to lead the state to a 100 percent clean energy future."

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Self Generation Incentive Program evolves, covers new threats

By [Clifford Rechtschaffen](#),
CPUC Commissioner

California's Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) is one of the longest-running and most successful distributed generation incentive programs in the country. It has evolved several times since its inception, and a recent decision by the Public Utilities Commission moves SGIP in several important new directions in response to fresh challenges faced by the state.

SGIP was initially conceived to provide customers with incentives to reduce their energy use during peak demand times and to promote energy self-sufficiency in response to California's electricity crisis of 2001.

In its early days until the California Solar Initiative was launched in 2006, the program promoted customers' on-site solar photovoltaic projects. For a period after that, the largest share of projects were fuel cells, and SGIP was later expanded to include non-generation technologies such as energy storage. It was also modified to include a focus on projects that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, consistent with the state's evolving climate mandates, and in 2016, the program was revised to allocate 75 percent of the budget to energy storage projects.

As of August 2019, SGIP has funded 8,999 completed projects representing more than 820 megawatts (MW) of rated capacity, with an additional 4,772 projects representing more than 260 MW of rated capacity in process. The energy storage budget has funded 7,117 completed projects, representing 163 MW, with another 4,750 projects, representing 173 MW, pending installation.

Our most recent action regarding the program adopts several significant changes.

First, the decision creates a \$100 million equity resilience program to promote battery storage as a means of providing backup power for vulnerable customers in high-fire threat areas. California faces unprecedented risks from wildfires.

Seven of the 10 most destructive wildfires in the state's history have occurred since 2013, and 2018 was



SGIP was initially conceived as a program to provide customers with incentives to reduce their energy use, now it also provides resiliency to the grid.

the deadliest year ever, including the Camp Fire in Butte County that claimed 86 lives. In response to this threat, all the major electricity utilities have developed plans known as Public Safety Power Shutoffs for proactively de-energizing power lines to avoid fires being ignited by contact with vegetation during weather events with extreme wind, high-temperatures, low humidity and dry vegetation. The utilities may also shut off power to keep fires that have started elsewhere from spreading through contact with energized lines.

De-energization can have significant health, safety and economic impacts for communities affected, particularly for customers who depend on electricity to provide them with life-

sustaining medical support. This decision will provide incentives for customer-owned batteries interconnected to the electric grid that can independently provide power during a de-energization event.

The decision also requires that such systems be able to operate safely without power from the grid, which is commonly referred to as "island mode." These systems could provide electricity during

power shut-offs, and are especially valuable over extended periods if paired with on-site solar. At other times, the batteries must be operated to provide grid benefits and reduce GHG emissions, a statutory requirement governing all SGIP projects that essentially requires charging batteries during off-peak times and using them during peak periods.

Eligible customers are those in high fire threat districts, and who also (1) are low income or live in disadvantaged communities; (2) "medical baseline" consumers or consumers who have notified utilities

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CPUC Commissioner***

that they have a serious illness or condition that could be life threatening without electricity or (3) are critical services facilities, such as police and fire stations, emergency responders, health care facilities, cooling centers, and others providing critical functions.

It is important to emphasize that this program is in addition to much larger efforts to deal with the threat of wildfires and to mitigate potential harm to communities impacted by power shut offs. If a utility decides to de-energize lines to avert catastrophic wildfires, it must fol-

low strict protocols for notifying affected customers, emergency providers, and local governments, with special outreach required for medically vulnerable customers.

Second, the new decision takes steps to grow participation in the SGIP equity budget, which was established by the Commission in 2017 with the goal of promoting energy storage projects in disadvantaged and low-income communities. The Commission set aside 25 percent of its SGIP storage budget for equity projects. Unfortunately, there has been no participation in the program since then, a reflection of the fact that deeper subsidies are needed for customers in these communities to afford purchasing storage systems.

This decision significantly increases the available incentive amounts and expands program eligibility criteria to include projects in California Indian country, as defined by federal law. And in an effort to streamline equity applications, the decision also provides that customers who have already qualified for several other low-income solar programs will automatically be eligible for SGIP incentives.

Third, the decision creates a new program to help promote building decarbonization by providing incentives for installation of heat pump water heaters powered by

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Get to Know Us: Meet Angie Williams, Director of Utility Audits



Angie Williams, Director of Utility Audits, Risk and Compliance Division (UARCD)

The first thing you notice about Angie Williams is her easy graciousness.

You can readily picture her warmly inviting you to tea or for a walk in the garden. So, it might catch some people a bit off guard when she asks a utility to turn over its books for an audit.

But a look at her history quickly dispels any initial surprise. The CPUC's new Director of Utility Audits, Risk and Compliance Division (UARCD) came to the Commission with nearly 20 years of increasing responsibility in financial and performance evaluation with the California Department of Finance. Two of those years were spent representing the Governor and Inspector General during the last recession on the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act Task Force as Director of Accountability and Chief of Audits.

In those roles, she worked with nearly every state agency, including

the CPUC. Acknowledging that few people like being audited, she reflects that state agencies often feel they are so different and unique that no outside agency could effectively evaluate them.

"But, really," she explains, "in a couple of weeks we can have what we need to understand and document if they are performing as appropriate."

She says she enjoyed constantly learning new subjects and systems and now looks forward to the new Division she directs.

Currently, Angie oversees 40 staff positions: The UARCD includes two branches: Utility Audits Branch and Risk and Compliance Branch. The Utility Audits Branch provides auditing, accounting, financial, and advisory services on regulated utilities. The Risk and Compliance Branch provides greater awareness of enterprise risks by identifying, measuring, reporting and monitoring risks that affect the Commission's objectives.

"It's a challenge," she admits, "but I'm just getting started. I have a 44 percent vacancy rate, but even with limited staff we accomplished 18 reports. There's a lot to do."

As she says that, her hands are constantly moving: answering the phone, sending an e-mail, making a note, watching an alert glide across her screen. All while seamlessly re-engaging with the task before her.

When asked how she pictured her life back when she was getting her accounting degree, she replies without hesitation.

"Honestly, this. This is the life I've always wanted and now I have it," she affirms. "I loved Finance for 17 years, and now I love this." She also enjoys going home to her farm in Wilton — with two dogs, a rabbit, chickens, a pond and her daughter riding horseback.

"My favorite is Friday night family movies that my 8-year-old daughter chooses for us," she adds.

Using her mother as her model, Angie says she strives to exude positivity even in difficult situations, citing her time teaching at a rural continuation high school as an eye-opening challenge to a positive disposition.

"My mother always preached the importance of hard work, staying positive, and being humble," Angie recalls.

She often turns to a quote from Jim Rohn, the late author and motivational speaker, for inspiration:

"The challenge of leadership is to be strong but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not a bully; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly."

Angie relays an experience from her hiring interview when Executive Director Alice Stebbins said her own goal is to make the CPUC the best state organization.

"My goal is to help her accomplish that," Angie affirms. "I think it is possible."

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electricity. Heating fuels in buildings — primarily for space heating and water heating — represent one of the state's larger sources of GHG emissions. The Commission and state are moving on numerous fronts to promote building electrification, including implementing 2018 last year's Senate Bill SB 1477 that establishes a pilot program for heat pump water and space heaters

The California Energy Commission also is developing a plan to reduce GHG emissions from buildings 40 percent by 2030, as

mandated by Assembly Bill 3232. In addition to reducing GHG and other emissions from gas combustion, heat pump water heaters can function comparably to batteries, storing energy during off-peak times and avoiding the need to use electricity during peak periods.

Moreover, because they are lower cost than most residential batteries, heat pump water heaters can provide a more affordable means for low-income customers to avoid using electricity at peak times when it costs more. The initial allocation for this

program is \$4 million, though the Commission can consider funding increases in the future.

Finally, the decision allocates \$10 million in storage incentives toward the San Joaquin Valley Affordable Energy Pilot Projects, a multifaceted effort to provide affordable energy options for disadvantaged communities in California's San Joaquin Valley who lack access to the natural gas system and rely on wood and propane for their heating and cooking needs. These communities are also receiving

funds for rooftop solar, energy efficiency and electrification of existing appliances under other Commission programs.

The actions described here are part of our ongoing efforts to strengthen SGIP and make it more effective.

As such, the Commission is expected later this year to consider whether to approve higher incentives for fuel cells powered by renewable natural gas, whether to include them in the equity resiliency budget, and the level of funding for SGIP in future years.

Wildfire Mitigation Plans are Part of Complex Safety Process

By [Elizaveta Malashenko](#),
CPUC Deputy Executive Director
for Safety and Enforcement

Mitigating California's growing threat from catastrophic wildfires is a complex and multi-faceted challenge.

Unfortunately, there is no silver bullet we can rely on to protect our communities from these events. Complex problems like this require new ways of thinking, constant analysis and data to measure the effectiveness of our mitigation efforts so we can know what is working and adopt new techniques and strategies when necessary.

The CPUC has put significant resources into reviewing detailed Wildfire Mitigation Plans put forward by the investor-owned utilities we regulate, as required by the Legislature and Governor when Senate Bill 901 was passed and signed last year. In July, Gov. Newsom signed Assembly Bill 1054, which calls for additional investments and steps in California's ongoing effort to keep people and property safe from wildfire.

During a well-attended three-day workshop at our San Francisco headquarters in mid-September, electric utilities provided updates on work they've done to improve vegetation management programs, upgrade system hardening so equipment is less prone to spark and ignite fires, improvements made in weather monitoring, situational awareness and other important safety measures.

We heard from stakeholders who said they wanted to be involved in this ongoing process, and who share our commitment to transparency and making sure the right questions get asked and the most

relevant data analyzed and considered.

Another challenge we discussed is the growing scarcity of resources and qualified personnel to attack some of the important work that needs to get done. With so much wildfire mitigation work going on at once up and down the state, resources and available personnel are stretched beyond original expectations. Working with the utilities and affected communities, it's crucial that we set priorities for what needs to get done, that people are trained properly and that our efforts are coordinated, efficient and effective.

Progress is being made, but much more needs to be done. Mitigating the wildfire threat is a never-ending process. It demands an all-hands-on-deck approach, with coordination, cooperation and a system of metrics and measurements that will enable us to determine the effectiveness of investments being made.

That's why we recently launched a new effort at the CPUC—with help from a respected outside consulting firm, the Boston Consulting Group, that has done similar work in wildfire-prone states and nations around the world. The task: draft a more forward-looking vision, strategy and road map that identifies how to systematically reduce the risk of wildfire ignitions from utility infrastructure over the next 10 years and beyond.

In addition to developing clear evaluation standards for utility wildfire mitigation efforts, we must also understand how these strategies fit with work being done in high fire risk areas by local governments, private property owners, the state and everyone else responding



The Thomas Fire in Ventura County, December 2017

to the wildfire threat.

We cannot afford to rely on what's worked in the past only to learn important new lessons when a disaster strikes. We must take steps to get ahead of the problem, which is what this new effort is designed to identify.

We are engaged in ongoing collaboration with Cal FIRE, Cal OES, the utilities, other stakeholders and government officials to develop a road map and set priorities for moving forward. Our goal is to have a vision, strategy and road map developed by the end of this year that can help inform our evaluation of the next round of utility wildfire mitigation plans submitted by the state's investor-owned electric utilities.

The growing wildfire threat requires a heretofore unseen level

of detail and specificity in how to meet and overcome this challenge. There is no established template to follow that we can adopt and apply across California. The process is an iterative one, requiring us to find meaningful ways to measure ourselves and make sure we are aligned with efforts from the different entities working on the issue.

The worst thing we could do is allow these catastrophic events to be our guidepost. We learn from them, of course, but we don't want another disaster to tell us we are doing something wrong or need to step up our efforts. A more proactive and comprehensive approach is essential. With additional expertise and continued hard work, I am confident we can make more progress.

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A draft report will be available for review and public comment next summer, with the final version due in the Legislature the following January. As spelled out in the legislation, the three agencies will then be required to submit reports to the Legislature every four years that addresses the following topics:

- A review of the 100 percent zero-carbon policy focused on technologies, forecasts, then-existing transmission, and the maintenance of safety, environmental and public safety protection, affordability, and system and local reliability.

- An evaluation identifying the potential benefits and impacts on system and local reliability associated with achieving the policy.
- An evaluation identifying the nature of any anticipated financial costs and benefits to electric, gas, and water utilities, including customer rate impacts and benefits.
- The barriers to, and benefits of, achieving the policy.
- Alternative scenarios in which the policy can be achieved and the estimated costs and benefits of each scenario.

The Docket: Proceedings Filed at the CPUC in Sept. 2019

PROCEEDING NUMBER • FILED DATE • FILER

A1908014 • 29-Aug.-2019 • California High Speed Rail Authority
Approval to construct One New Grade Separated Crossing, Under the Proposed High-Speed Rail Tracks at SR43 (MP 214.23) Located in the County of Fresno.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312059927>

A1908015 • 30-Aug.-2019 • Southwest Gas Corporation
Application of Southwest Gas Corporation (U905G) for Authority to Increase Rates and Charges for Natural Gas Service in California, Effective January 1, 2021.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312060032>

A1908016 • 30-Aug.-2019 • San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

Application of San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBC-TA) to construct a new pedestrian at-grade crossing for a new Downtown Redlands Station in the City of Redlands on Southern California Regional Rail Authority's San Gabriel Subdivision (the easternmost 9.8 miles of which were formerly known as the Redlands Subdivision) at MP 65.48 (Redlands MP 8.83) (Proposed CPUC Crossing No. 101SG-65.48 (002U-8.6) and DOT No. 933892D.)

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312057285>

A1909001 • 03-Sept.-2019 • City of San Juan Capistrano

Application of the City of San Juan Capistrano for authorization to modify and convert an existing private at-grade road crossing of Rancho Capistrano to a public crossing of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority's Orange Subdivision at Mile Post 194.32, Proposed CPUC Number 101OR-194.32, USDOT Number 026782R, County of Orange.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312062483>

A1909004 • 04-Sept.-2019 • Hudson Fiber Network Inc.

Application of Hudson Fiber Network Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Full Facilities-Based and Resold Competitive Local Exchange and Interexchange Services.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312064203>

A1909005 • 05-Sept.-2019 • City of San Rafael

Application of the City of San Rafael to convert a private at-grade crossing to a public at-grade crossing on SMART rail line MP 15.6 CPUC Number 005-15.60-X; DOT Number 943171F) which is a subproject of the Larkspur Extension Project, a new transit line extending from San Rafael Station in Downtown San Rafael to proposed Larkspur Station in Larkspur Landing.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312335091>

A1909006 • 05-Sept.-2019 • U.S. TelePacific Corp. •

In the Matter of the Joint Application of U.S. Telepacific Corp. (U5721C), MPower Communications Corp. (U5859c), Arrival Communications, Inc. (U5248c), DSCI, LLC (U1422c) And U.S. Telepacific Holdings Corp. And Tango Private Holdings II, LLC For Expedited Approval to Transfer Indirect Control of U.S. TelePacific Corp., Mpower Communications Corp., Arrival Communications, Inc. and DSCI, LLC Pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 854(a).

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A1909007 • 05-Sept.-2019 • Hunter Communications, Inc.

the Matter of the Joint Application of Hunter Communications, Inc., RWR Hunter Holdco Inc., Richard W. Ryan, Hunter Communications Intermediate Holdings, LLC, and Hunter Communications Holdings, LLC for Expedited Approval to Transfer Control of Hunter Communications, Inc. Pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 854(a).

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312540451>

R1706026 • 6-Sept.-19 • ALJ/ATAMTURK/CPUC

Decision Refining the Method to Develop and True Up Market Price Benchmarks.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312060119>

R1709020 • 6-Sept.-19 • ALJ/ALLEN/CHIV/CPUC

Proposed Decision Clarifying Resource Adequacy Import Rules

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312321914>

A1909003 • 06-Sept.-2019 • California High-Speed Rail Authority

Application of the California High-Speed Rail Authority for Approval to construct One New Grade Separated Crossing, Under the Proposed High-Speed Rail Tracks at SR198 (MP 223.94) Located in the County of Kings.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312522212>

A1909010 • 06-Sept.-2019 • WeeBee's Transportation, LLC

Application of WeeBee's Transportation, LLC for authority to operate as a for hire transportation Passenger Stage Corporation between points in Lodi California; and to establish a Zone of Rate Freedom.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312522276>

A0701031 A0704028 A0909022 • 9-Sept.-19 • ALJ/YACKNIN/CPU

Proposed Decision granting intervenor compensation to The Utility Reform Network for contribution to D.18-08-026.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312462847>

A1810004 • 9-Sept.-19 • ALJ/MILES/CPUC

Decision Affirming Final Arbitrator's Report and Order that Parties Adopt Revised License Agreement.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312524877>

A1505014 • 9-Sept.-19 • ALJ/CHIV/CPUC

Proposed Decision granting Petition for Modification of the City of Santa Rosa.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312462840>

I1805012 • 9-Sept.-19 • ALJ/MCKENZIE/CPUC

Presiding Officer's Decision Approving Settlement of Preferred Long Distance, Inc. and Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312064202>

A1909008 • 10-Sept.-2019 • Horizon West Transmission, LLC

Application of Horizon West Transmission, LLC (U222E) for Exemp-

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tions from Public Utilities Code Sections 816-830 and 851 Relating to Securities Transactions.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312781595>

A1909011 • 11-Sept.-2019 • PropSF, LLC

Application of PropSF, LLC (VCC94) to amend its Vessel Common Carrier Authorization to Add Unscheduled Prearranged Service Between Points in San Francisco, Marin, the Peninsula, and the East Bay, Establish Rates and a ZORF for Unscheduled Service, and Request a ZORF of 20% for Both Scheduled and Unscheduled Services.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312539654>

R1602007 • 12-Sept.-19 • ALJ/FITCH/CPUC

Proposed Decision requiring electric system reliability procurement for 2021-2023.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312522263>

A1509013 • 12-Sept.-19 • ALJ/KERSTEN/CPUC

The Joint Petition for Modification of Decision 18-06-028 by Protect Our Communities Foundation, Sierra Club, Southern California Generation Coalition, and The Utility Reform Network is approved in part and denied in part.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312750263>

R1909009 • 12-Sept.-2019 • CPUC

Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Microgrids Pursuant to Senate Bill 1339.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?docformat=ALL&docid=312519471>

A1909012 • 13-Sept.-2019 • Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to Recover Costs Recorded in the Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 454.9. (U39M)

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312774643>

R1804019 • 16-Sept.-19 • CMMR/RANDOLPH/CPUC

Decision on Phase 1 Topics and 2. This decision defines climate change adaptation for energy utilities in California; identifies the California Fourth Climate Assessment and any subsequent assessments as the primary source of climate forecasts, pathways, and scientific studies; and establishes the criteria for any further data or models that energy utilities may develop to understand climate impacts.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312462925>

A1509001 • 17-Sept.-19 • ALJ/ROSCOW/CPUC

Decision regarding compliance matter in Phase 1 of the 2017 PG&E General Rate Case.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=313336555>

A1803016 • 17-Sept.-19 • ALJ/HYMES/CPUC

Proposed Decision addressing Southern California Edison Company's Energy Resource Recovery Account Compliance Application for Record Year 2017.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312540523>

A1901014 • 18-Sept.-19 • ALJ/KLINE/CPUC

Proposed Decision regarding request for relief from surcharges and user fees, interest and penalties paid for directory listing services.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=313821437>

A0701031 A0704028 A0909022 • 20-Sept.-19 • ALJ/YACKNIN/CPUC

Proposed Decision granting intervenor compensation claim of Forest Residents Opposing New Transmission Lines for contribution to Decision 18-08-026. Opening comments are due no later than October 10, 2019. Reply comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing opening comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=313990757>

A1711014 • 20-Sept.-19 • ALJ/STEVENS/CPUC

Decision Allowing Construction of A 2.6 Mw Battery Energy Storage System in Alpine County and Denying a Reasonableness Determination and Cost Recovery. Opening comments are due October 10, 2019. Reply comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=314275676>

R1407002 A1607015 • 20-Sept.-19 • ALJ/DOHERTY/ KAO/CPUC

Proposed Decision denying Petition for Modification of Decision 16-01-044 and Modifying Decision 18-09-044 regarding process for Net Energy Metering Successor Tariff Research Plan. Opening comments are due no later than October 10, 2019. Reply comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing opening comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=313977381>

R1907017 • 23-Sept.-19 • ALJ/DOHERTY

Proposed Decision approving imposition of a non-bypassable charge to support California's Wildfire Fund and adopting rate agreement between the California Department of Water Resources and the California Public Utilities Commission. Opening comments are due no later than October 13, 2019. Reply comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing opening comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=314275696>

A1811003 • 23-Sept.-19 • ALJ/DOHERTY/CPUC

Decision Approving Application for Pacific Gas And Electric Company's Commercial Electric Vehicle Rates. Opening comments, which shall not exceed 15 pages, are due October 13, 2019. Reply comments, which shall not exceed 5 pages, are due 5 days after the last day for filing comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=313977396>

A1909014 • 23-Sept.-2019 • San Diego Gas & Electric Co.

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902E) for Authority to Eliminate the Seasonal Differential in its Residential Rates Per Decision 19-04-018.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=315278828>

A1909017 • 25-Sept.-2019 • California High Speed Rail Authority

Application of the California High-Speed Rail Authority for approval to Construct one New Underpass Grade Separated Crossings, Under the Proposed High-Speed Rail Tracks at Avenue 136 (245.77) Located in

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the County of Tulare.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=316460262>

A1909018 • 25-Sept.-2019 • California High Speed Rail Authority
Application of the California High-Speed Rail Authority to Construct Two Proposed High-Speed Rail Tracks and Rail-Rail Grade Separation at CHSRA's MP 245.03 crossing Over BNSF's Existing Mainline and Proposed Tracks at MP 946.61 Near Avenue 144 Avenue, Part of the Proposed Tule Avenue Underpass Structure, Located in the County of Tulare.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=316460033>

A1909019 • 25-Sept.-2019 • California High Speed Rail Authority
Application of the California High-Speed Rail Authority for approval to Construct One New Underpass Grade-Separated Crossing at Avenue 144, Under Two Proposed High-Speed Rail Tracks at CHSRA's MP (244.65), Part of the Proposed Avenue 144/Tule Avenue Underpass Structure Which Includes High-Speed Rail Tracks Over BNSF Tracks Crossing, Located in the County of Tulare.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=316459703>

I1909016 • 26-Sept.-2019 • CPUC

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion to Consider the Ratemaking and Other Implications of a Proposed Plan for Resolution of Voluntary Case filed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California, San Francisco Division, In re Pacific Gas and Electric Corporation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Case No.19-30088.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?docformat=ALL&docid=315279641>

A1910001 • 01-OCT-2019 • Southern California Edison Company
Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for Approval of Its Carbon-Free Surplus Energy Transaction with Bonneville Power Administration.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=316459782>

A1812009 • 2-Oct-19 • ALJ/LAU/ LIRAG/CPUC

Proposed Decision setting the effective date of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's 2020 General Rate Case revenue requirement and establishing a General Rate Case memo account. Opening comments are due no later than October 22, 2019. Reply comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing opening comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=316460091>

A1502001 A1502002 A1502003 A1502013 A1502024 A1503004 • 4-Oct-19 • ALJ/TRAN/CPUC

Proposed Decision reopening proceeding to issue guidance to the Small and Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities for the 2021-2026 Energy Savings Assistance Program and California Alternate Rates for Energy Program Budget Application. Opening comments are due no later than October 24, 2019. Reply comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing opening comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=316459797>

R1311006 • 4-Oct-19 • CMMR/RECHTSCHAFFEN/CPUC

Proposed Decision modifying the Commission's Rate Case Plan for

Energy Utilities. Opening comments are due no later than October 24, 2019. Reply comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing opening comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=316460454>

A1807020 A1807022 A1807023 A1807025 • 4-Oct-19 • ALJ/GOLDBERG/CPUC

Proposed Decision on the Transportation Electrification Pilots for Schools and Parks pursuant to Assembly Bills 1082 and 1083. Opening comments are due no later than October 24, 2019. Reply comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing opening comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=316882159>

A0701031 A0704028 • 16-Jsn.-2007 • Southern California Edison Company (U 338 E)

(Re-Opened week of Sept. 30 to file an I-Comp PD for Comments) In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Edison COMPANY (U338E) for a Permit to Construct Electrical Facilities with Voltages between 50kV and 200 kV: Valley-Ivyglen 115 kV Subtransmission Line Project.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312462847>

A1502001 A1502002 A1502003 A1502013 A1502024 A1503004 • 02-Feb.-2015 • Southwest Gas Corporation et al.

(Re-Opened week of Sept. 30 to file a PD for Comments) In the Matter of the Application of Southwest Gas Corporation (U905G) for Approval of Low-Income Programs and Budgets for Program Years 2015-2017. (Pursuant to ALJ Colbert's Ruling of 4/1/2015, proceedings A.15-02-001, A.15-02-002, A.15-02-003, A.15-02-013, A.15-02-024, and A.15-03-004 were consolidated.)

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=316459797>

A1404013 A1406012 • 11-April-2014 • Time Warner Cable, Inc.

(Re-Opened week of Sept. 30 to file an I-Comp PD for Comments) Joint Application of Comcast Corporation, Time Warner Cable Inc., Time Warner Cable Information Services (California), LLC, and Bright House Networks Information Services (California), LLC for Expedited Approval of the Transfer of Control of Time Warner Cable Information Services (California), LLC (U6874C); and the Pro Forma Transfer of Control of Bright House Networks Information Services (California), LLC (U6955C), to Comcast Corporation Pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 854

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