



# Filings at the CPUC

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## CPUC approves resolution setting new Community Choice timelines *Revised resolution sets up waiver process for CCAs wishing to begin operations sooner*

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on Feb. 8 approved a proposal that would set new timelines on when Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs) could begin service.

Voting 5-0, the Commission adopted a revised Resolution E-4907, which established a registration process and timetable for new or expanding CCAs.

A community choice aggregation is an arrangement wherein local governments aggregate electricity demand within their jurisdictions in order to procure alternative energy supplies while maintaining the existing electricity provider for transmission and distribution services.

The resolution could delay the dates from which some CCAs serve customers, but the resolution states the delay in most circumstances will be no longer than one year. If a new or expanding CCA cannot comply with the new timelines, a recent revision to the resolution creates a process where the CCA can still seek a waiver to serve customers within several months of approval of their implementation plans.

State law requires energy providers to predict by mid-April each year how much energy they need for the following calendar and to make contractual arrangements to procure that energy ahead of time. This "resource adequacy" process was established after the 2000-2001 energy crisis resulted in shortages and rolling blackouts across the state.

But when a CCA launches without having participated in the previous year's resource adequacy process, the incumbent utility remains responsible for procuring the energy and, according to the resolution, incurs short-term costs of purchasing



Commissioners on Feb. 8 approved a resolution that would set a timeline for new community choice aggregators wishing to operate in California. The resolution was modified after significant input from local governments.

### Featured Resolution: E-4907

power that will actually be resold by the CCA – resulting in millions of dollars of "stranded" costs for the utility's remaining customers. The resolution was designed to address that issue by timing the start dates of CCAs in a way that they would be able to participate in the resource adequacy process.

At the meeting, CPUC president Michael Picker said the resolution was necessary because CCAs need to prepare in order to provide adequate services.

"We have overwhelming anxiety about the concept of resource adequacy," Picker said. "It seems a lot of people have forgotten about the

energy crisis of 2000-2001."

But some parties, notably local government leaders who hope to soon establish CCAs in their regions, urged the Commissioners to reject the resolution because they believed it put up artificial barriers and unnecessary delays as California transitions to cleaner energy. Moreover, many of those commenting on the resolution felt that concerns about CCA resource adequacy needed more stakeholder involvement and evidentiary hearings.

West Hollywood Councilmember

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### What am I reading?

This monthly newsletter is to keep you informed of proposed decisions by the CPUC's Commissioners and Administrative Law Judges, as well as applications of note.

Each month, we will feature one or more proposed decisions or applications that were filed since the prior newsletter, along with a list summarizing the other filings at the CPUC that month.

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# CPUC requires consumer protection in fire-affected areas

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) enacted emergency consumer protections in January for victims of the Southern California wildfires.

Multiple wildfires broke out in December, destroying and threatening critical infrastructure throughout Southern California, impacting essential services for hundreds of thousands of people.

The CPUC on Jan. 11 ordered Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas & Electric, and communications companies in the affected areas to take “all reasonable and necessary actions” to implement emergency consumer protections to support the victims of the wildfires, including, but not limited to:

- Waive deposit requirements for affected wildfire residential customers seeking to re-establish service for one year and expedite move-in and move-out service requests.
- Stop estimated energy use for billing for residential customers attributed to the time period when the home/unit was unoccupied as a result of the wildfires.
- Implement payment plan options for residential customers.
- Suspend disconnection for non-payment and associated fees; waive deposit and late fee requirements for residential customers.



## Featured Resolution: M-4835

Communication providers have an obligation to provide bill credits to customers for time out of service, as well as any additional service accommodations necessary to ensure their customers have access to telecommunication services following the fires.

The California LifeLine Program will also enable impacted California LifeLine participants to keep their California LifeLine discounts for a longer period of time. Additionally, the California

LifeLine Program will conduct an outreach effort to assist California LifeLine participants with the renewal process.

The emergency consumer protections ordered apply to impacted residential and non-residential customers for up to one year.

The proposal voted on is available at <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M202/K417/202417839.PDF>.

For more information on the CPUC’s work regarding the South-

ern California fires, visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov/SoCalFires2017](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/SoCalFires2017).

The CPUC had earlier ordered similar consumer protections for areas affected by wildfires in Northern California. That resolution (M-4833) is available online at: <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M198/K780/198780035.PDF>

For information on the CPUC’s work regarding the Northern California fires, visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov/October2017Fires](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/October2017Fires).

## The Docket: Filings of note from Jan. 1 to Jan. 31, 2017

### PROCEEDING NUMBER • FILED DATE • FILER

A1712021 • 28-DEC-2017 (not included in January newsletter) • 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 Egbert Switching Station Project.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=204463973>

A1712020 • 29-DEC-2017 (not included in January newsletter) • American Dark Fiber, LLC

In the Matter of the Application of American Dark Fiber, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Limited Facilities-Based Local Exchange Telecommunications Services Within California.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=204646898>

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A1801001 • 02-JAN-2018 • Allied Telesis Capital Corp.  
Application of Allied Telesis Capital Corp. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a Competitive Local Carrier (“CLC”) to Provide Resold and Limited Facilities-Based Local Exchange Service, and Voice Over Internet Protocol Services to Commercial and Enterprise Customers.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=202235594>

A1801002 • 02-JAN-2018 • Liberty Utilities (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp

In the Matter of the Application of Liberty Utilities (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp (U346W) for Authority to Increase Rates Charged for Water Service by \$985,822 or 3.96% in 2019,

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\$1,314,325 or 5.06% in 2020, and \$987,227 or 3.60% in 2021.  
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=204457305>

A1801003 • 02-JAN-2018 • Liberty Utilities (Park Water) Corp.  
In the Matter of the Application of Liberty Utilities (Park Water) Corp. (U314W) for Authority to Increase Rates Charged for Water Service by \$1,110,000 or 3.21% in 2019, \$1,776,769 or 4.98% in 2020, and \$1,944,452 or 5.24% in 2021.  
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=204158657>

A1801006 • 02-JAN-2018 • VERO FIBER NETWORK, LLC  
In the Matter of the Application of Vero Fiber Networks, LLC For a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Competitive Local Exchange Services on a Limited Facilities-Basis in the State of California.  
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A1801004 • 04-JAN-2018 • San Jose Water Company  
In the Matter of the Application of SAN JOSE WATER COMPANY (U168W) for an Order authorizing it to increase rates charged for water service by \$34,288,100 or 9.76% in 2019, by \$14,231,800 or 3.70% in 2020, and by \$20,581,700 or 5.17% in 2021.  
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=204158668>

A1801009 • 04-JAN-2018 • Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority  
Application of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority for an order authorizing construction of two light rail tracks and one freight track at six (6) highway-rail crossings at (1) Barranca Avenue, (2) Foothill Blvd & Grand Avenue, (3) Vermont Avenue, (4) Glendora Avenue, (5) Pasadena Avenue, and (6) Loraine Avenue in the City of Glendora in Los Angeles County, California.  
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=205708802>

A1801010 • 04-JAN-2018 • Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority  
Application of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority for an order authorizing construction of two light rail tracks and one freight track at three (3) highway-rail crossings at (1) Eucla Avenue, (2) Walnut Avenue, and (3) San Dimas Canyon Road in the Cities of San Dimas and La Verne in Los Angeles County, California.  
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=204457384>

R1103013 • 8-Jan-18 • CMMR/GUZMAN ACEVES/CPUC  
Proposed Decision revising California Lifeline Eligibility Criteria Provisions in response to Federal changes.  
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=204158662>

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A1702001 • 9-Jan-18 • ALJ/YACKNIN/CPUC  
Proposed Decision approving and adopting 25/75 revenue allocation for revenues under the Master Dark Fiber Lease Agreement between Southern California Edison Company and Verizon Wireless.  
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=204457321>

R1407002 • 16-Jan-18 • ALJs/KAO/ HECHT/CPUC  
Proposed Decision granting the Petition for Modification of Decision 16-04-020 regarding the net energy metering bill credit estimation methodology for generating facilities paired with small storage devices.  
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=204316010>

A1801011 • 17-JAN-2018 • CHRYSTELLE CRUISERS WINE TOURS, LLC  
In the Matter of the Application of CHRYSTELLE CRUISERS WINE TOURS, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Regularly Scheduled Passenger Stage Service between points in Napa and Calistoga, CA; and to establish a Zone of Rate Freedom.  
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A1801012 • 22-JAN-2018 • SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY  
Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902E) For Approval of Senate Bill 350 Transportation Electrification Proposals Regarding Medium and Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicles and a Vehicle-To-Grid Pilot.  
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=206676937>

A1801013 • 23-JAN-2018 • Brightpacket, Inc.  
Application of BRIGHT PACKET, INC. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Order to Provide Resold Competitive Local Exchange in the State of California.  
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=207544568>

A1801016 • 23-JAN-2018 • CA High-Speed Rail Authority  
Application of the California High-Speed Rail Authority to construct proposed high-speed train (HST) and underpass grade separation at Kimberlina Road (135S-281.4-B) in Kern County, California.  
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=206464920>

A1801014 • 24-JAN-2018 • Netly, LLC  
Application of Netly, 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

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# Commissioners appoint new executive director for CPUC

*Stebbins joins Public Utilities Commission after stints at CARB, BoE, and other state agencies*

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) announced on Feb. 1 that Alice Stebbins has been appointed as the Commission's new Executive Director, effective Feb. 21, 2018.

Stebbins has served as Division Chief over Administration for the California Air Resources Board since January 2011. She first joined the State of California as a tax auditor with the Board of Equalization in 1986. Since that time, she has worked for the Department of Transportation, Department of Justice, and the State Water Resources Control Board where she performed forensic accounting, auditing, project management, and administration, while managing large complex teams.

"We conducted an extensive search for an Executive Director and many well-qualified candidates applied," said CPUC President Michael Picker. "Alice stood out for us because of the breadth and scope of her managerial expertise. She brings a wealth of experience to the CPUC and will help us



*Alice Stebbins (LinkedIn)*

further strengthen the administrative backbone of our organization."

The CPUC's Executive Director serves at the pleasure of the Commissioners. The duties of the Executive Director are detailed in the CPUC's Strategic Plan. They include overseeing the direct operations of the CPUC and expediting all matters within the CPUC's jurisdiction.

Stebbins replaces the retiring Timothy Sullivan, who has served as the CPUC's Executive Director since 2015. Stebbins will work out of the CPUC's Sacramento and San Francisco offices.

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## CCA formation rules: *continued from page 1*

Lindsey Horvath said communities forming CCAs were not afraid of regulation, but worried that unless the CCA requirements were addressed as part of a larger ongoing hearing about resource adequacy, there was a risk that incumbent utilities could game the system. For example, the resolution notes, PG&E data related to "stranded costs" due to CCA formation was not released publicly because it contained market-sensitive information.

"We expect transparency in determining a fair share of costs," she said. "We need to ensure accountability and transparency are a part of the process."

In response to written comments before the meeting, CPUC Energy Division staff issued a revised resolution on Feb. 2 that would give new or expanding CCAs two paths to start in 2018. New CCAs could get a waiver from the CPUC to begin operations if:

1. The forming CCA could come to an agreement with the

incumbent utility over what portion of the utility's allotment the CCA would be responsible for and then send a advice letter to the CPUC seeking approval of the agreement; or.

2. If the forming CCA is not able to come to an agreement with the incumbent utility, it can file an advice letter with the CPUC no later than 75 days prior to when the CCA wishes to begin service stating (among other stipulations) that the CCA agrees to be bound by a future Commission determination as to what costs it should pay as part of the resource adequacy process.

"I believe we've given the CCAs a reasonable way forward to operate on their own timetable," said Commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen at the meeting.

The resolution is effective immediately.

The revised resolution voted on by the Commissioners is available online at: <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/Published-Docs/Published/G000/M208/K956/208956263.PDF>

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resold nondominant interexchange services on a statewide basis.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=206792990>

A1801017 • 24-JAN-2018 • City of Los Angeles-Public Works-Engineering

Application of the City of Los Angeles to construct an at grade rail crossing (DOT Crossing No.933890P) over the current Metrolink to connect to connect bicyclists and pedestrians from Elysian Valley to Cypress park in the City of Los Angeles.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=207544614>

A1802001 • 26-JAN-2018 • FLIXBUS, INC.

Application of FlixBus, Inc. for authority to operate as a scheduled passenger stage corporation between points in the counties of: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Merced, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, and Ventura, and to establish a Zone of Rate Freedom.

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