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CPUC President Discusses Safety Issues at Assembly Committee Hearing

At the annual California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) hearing in January before the California Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee, CPUC President Marybel Batjer highlighted many of the safety-related initiatives she and her fellow Commissioners have advanced since she was sworn in as President last August.

“I was sworn in on August 16th and in my short time with the CPUC, I have seen the devastating impacts of the bankruptcy of our largest investor-owned utility, catastrophic wildfires, Public Safety Power Shut-offs, and telecommunications outages, just to name a few,” President Batjer told the committee. “Such issues have prioritized my work. I am essentially an outsider to the utilities world. I do not bring decades of experience in energy policy or utility executive management to my role. Rather, I lean on common sense, common effective decision-making and organizational management principles, and a clear understanding of who I serve. The people of this great state.”

Committee members, many of whom have worked with President Batjer in her past role as Secretary of the California Government Operations Agency, responded favorably to her testimony. Committee Vice Chair Jim Patterson (R-Fresno) called her a “sterling appointment.”

Chair Chris Holden (D - Pasadena) and others used the hearing to express various concerns with what Chair Holden referred to as “tumultuous times in the energy sector,” particularly for Pacific Gas and Elec-

tric Company (PG&E) and other electric investor-owned utilities. The situation, Chair Holden added, has “shattered public confidence in those utilities and in the institutions which regulate them.”

As President Batjer told the committee, “I welcome your engagement and collaboration because it will require a broad and thorough effort to make sure we meet the needs and expectations of Californians as we head into the next wildfire season, seasons ahead of that, as well as other challenges we know are ahead of us.”

She began her testimony by running through a list of actions the CPUC has taken in response to Assembly Bill 1054, the major wildfire and utility safety measure sponsored by Chair Holden in 2019. Since that bill was signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom last July, the CPUC has:

- Established the Wildfire Safety Division, with Director Caroline Thomas Jacobs setting up the office to implement the aggressive goals set out in Chair Holden’s bill. President Batjer said the CPUC has also begun coordination with the Natural Resources Agency on planning for the transfer of

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this Division to the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety on July 1, 2021.

- Issued a Ruling last December that set performance metrics for utility Wildfire Mitigation Plans; and,
- Established the Wildfire Fund that can help pay wildfire-related insurance claims.

As President Batjer explained, the Wildfire Mitigation Plans submitted by utilities to the CPUC for review are becoming a key framework in assessing the preparedness and effectiveness of their work in preventing utility-caused wildfires, as well as the effectiveness of each plan's elements, including the use of Public Safety Power Shut-offs (PSPS) as a way to mitigate fire risk during extreme weather conditions.

The first plans were submitted to the CPUC in 2019. Based on lessons learned from those plans and the 2019 wildfire season, President Batjer said the CPUC's new Wildfire Safety Division and the Safety Enforcement Division are implementing changes to the Wildfire Mitigation Plan process, such as revising the Wildfire Mitigation Plan guidelines. "This represents a major milestone in the evolution of the WMP process," she testified, "as these guidelines are intended to aid in the evaluation of utilities' wildfire mitigation efforts and ensure consistency with the CPUC's long-term wildfire goals.

President Batjer has been highly critical of how the state's investor-owned utilities implemented widespread PSPS events in 2019 and she testified that the new guidelines and the Wildfire Mitigation Plans "articulate and ultimately implement how they will reduce the scale and scope of future PSPS events."

For example, she explained, the new guidelines require utilities to report the results of PSPS Stress Tests, which include estimates on the frequency, scope, and duration of a PSPS event this coming fire season. The utilities must demonstrate how wildfire mitigation investments—such as system hardening, improved vegetation management, and grid re-design—will reduce the scope and duration of future PSPS events.

"Using the new Wildfire Mitigation Plan Maturity Model, we will be assessing the



plans across 52 specific capabilities and evaluate the IOUs' performance and ambition towards significantly reducing the number and impact of future PSPS events and reduce the likelihood of utility ignitions and impact of ignitions," President Batjer said.

Among other things, she told legislators, the investor-owned utilities, particularly PG&E, need to:

- Improve their engagement with local government.
- Provide better maps for PSPS events.
- Coordinate more closely with local government on prioritization of PSPS mitigation activities, such as prioritizing locations for sectionalizing, developing microgrids to build resiliency for critical services, and pre-identifying locations for comprehensive Community Resource Centers.
- Improve their timing and breadth of customer notifications. They need to reach all of the correct customers within the timeline specified in the current PSPS guidelines; and,
- They need to prove they used PSPS as a "measure of last resort".

President Batjer also touched on steps the CPUC is taking to make sure telecommunications providers are resilient enough to be functional during power shut-offs and other emergencies.

"The CPUC," she said, "is considering requiring telecommunication companies to provide back-up battery power and generators at cellular sites, hardening com-

munications infrastructure, and requiring communications carriers to participate in planning exercises with the electric IOUs in advance of the wildfire season. We are also requiring that the IOUs provide better notice to communications companies so that they can minimize the impact of PSPS events on their networks."

A week after she testified, the CPUC, through an Administrative Law Judge Ruling, issued for public comment a [series of proposed additional guidelines](#) related to PSPS events that utilities would be required to follow prior to the 2020 wildfire season.

If approved by the CPUC's Commissioners, the guidelines would include:

- Restoring power as soon as possible and no longer than 24 hours after conditions necessitating the power shut-off had concluded.
- More robust regional collaboration.
- Conducting exercises with public agencies.
- Ensuring communications resiliency.
- Meeting specific needs of vulnerable populations.
- Strengthening access to information provided to the public online.
- Improved public explanation regarding PSPS events and the decisions surrounding them.
- Better notification of communications providers.
- Improved addressing of transportation impacts.

CPUC Expands Self-Generation Program in Advance of Wildfire Season

By Commissioner [Clifford Rechtschaffen](#)

The CPUC's Self-Generation Incentive Program, or SGIP, is one of the nation's longest standing customer-side generation programs, dating back to the state's 2001 electricity crisis. Originally designed to provide incentives for distributed generation resources such as wind and solar, the program has evolved considerably over the years. Now, as we continue to wrestle with climate change, wildfires, and Public Safety Power Shut-offs (PSPS), the CPUC has modified SGIP in a number of ways so it can help provide back-up power and promote resiliency in communities most at risk from wildfires and shut offs.

Most recently, on January 16, as part of continuing efforts to strengthen community wildfire resiliency in high fire threat areas of the state, the CPUC authorized funding of more than \$1 billion for SGIP in time for the next fire season.

The [Decision](#) we approved directs investor-owned utilities to collect the maximum amount of funds from ratepayers allowed under existing law, and—pursuant to the direction of Senate Bill 700 (Weiner, 2018)—extends the life of the program five additional years.

The Decision authorizes collection and expenditure of \$830 million between now and 2024. When added to existing unspent program funds, more than \$1.2 billion is now available for projects between now and 2025.

So, how will these funds be spent?

The Decision focuses the program on energy storage projects that serve customers with medical needs and impacted communities during PSPS events. The program targets the state's highest fire threat districts, where there is "extreme" and "elevated" risk of fire, and disadvantaged and low income customers, medically vulnerable households, critical services facilities, and low income solar program customers.

The Decision also extends eligibility to customers affected by at least two prior PSPS events and calls for setting aside 63 percent of the budget to fund "equity/resiliency projects." These funds will cover the full cost of energy systems to benefit low income and disadvantaged communities and medically vulnerable customers who are most at risk during electricity shut-offs. Without this assistance, energy storage would be out of reach for most of these customers. The new equity/resiliency budget will fund an estimated 46,400 new residential storage systems or 3,225 non-residential systems (based on historic average system size).

As recent PSPS events have reminded us, the communities and customers these incentives will help experience severe hardships and public safety risks during wildfires and PSPS events.

In addition to the money set aside for equity/resiliency projects, our latest Decision also directs 12 percent of the authorized funds for renewable generation projects; 10 percent for large scale storage projects; 7 percent for residential projects; 5 percent for heat pump water heaters; and 3 percent for residential equity projects.

We also adopted a "resiliency adder" with higher incentives for renewable generation and large-scale storage projects by customers with critical resiliency needs.

The Decision also expands the list of customers who are eligible for the equity/resiliency incentives to include customers relying on wells with electric pumps, small grocery stores and markets, food banks, and independent living centers.

Heat pump water heaters (which run on electricity) are also a form of behind-the-meter energy storage that is within the scope of the SGIP. The new heat pump water heater incentives will play an important role in electrification efforts that seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by replacing natural gas water heaters with water heaters using electricity that is increasingly renewable. In 2018, regulated utilities delivered between 38-43 percent renewable electricity and will reach 60 percent by 2030. A very large number of water heaters are replaced every year, so it is important to start transforming that market as soon as possible.

Because we are unsure about how all the different budget categories will play out and which ones will experience the most demand, we've included flexibility that will allow refinements to the budget allocations in a timely manner, if necessary. The CPUC will also monitor demand closely and make other adjustments if needed.

This strikes a balance between signaling to the industry that a stable funding source is available that warrants the investment of time and resources to plan and develop projects, while also providing flexibility to ensure that the funds are all used to benefit the people who need them the most and in ways consistent with state policies and goals.



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GET TO KNOW US:

Meet CPUC ALJ Anthony Colbert

Assistant Chief Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) W. Anthony Colbert clearly likes his role at the CPUC.

“Other employees like advocating,” he acknowledges, “but I like deciding.”

Anthony describes himself as something of a sculptor who can see the final product to be carved out of the many opinions, facts, and processes.

“I like to take in information and follow issues,” he adds. “I can hopefully see the ultimate answer and the path to how to get to that answer, how to build the record on facts, how to hear both sides and not get confused.”

He’s been honing those skills for a few decades.

After graduating from the University of Virginia School of Law and serving low-income clients in a large public-interest law firm, Anthony signed on as Corporations Counsel at the California Department of Corporations (now called Department of Business Oversight), reviewing the issuance of securities and franchises in California. In 2000, he began 10 years there as a Hearing Officer, presiding over a variety of high-profile hearings including Google’s acquisition of YouTube, the dissolution of the Pacific Stock Exchange, as well as hearings approving acquisitions by Apple, Cisco, and Yahoo.

Anthony has been with the CPUC’s ALJ Division since 2010, first as an ALJ and currently as Assistant Chief ALJ overseeing adjudicatory and transportation proceedings, Public Purpose Programs, the Alternative Dispute Resolution mediation program, and the Docket Office, which is the administrative and clerical arm of the ALJ Division. He also supervises ALJs, reviews and approves Proposed Decisions and Rulings, and is a certified mediator.

He has particularly enjoyed traveling the state working on the California Advanced Services Fund, which helps to make broadband available to more Californians.

“I like working on Public Purpose Programs,” Anthony says, “because the results are so tangible. I’m not as good at the theoretical. I like advocating for those with less of a voice.”

As much as he likes his job, however, Anthony is quick to point out that life-work balance is important to him. He says he models himself after his father in his efforts to be a good husband and parent.

“There was never a time,” he says, “my father did not put us first.” Anthony takes seriously the need to be conscientious, respectful, and focused on the task at hand.

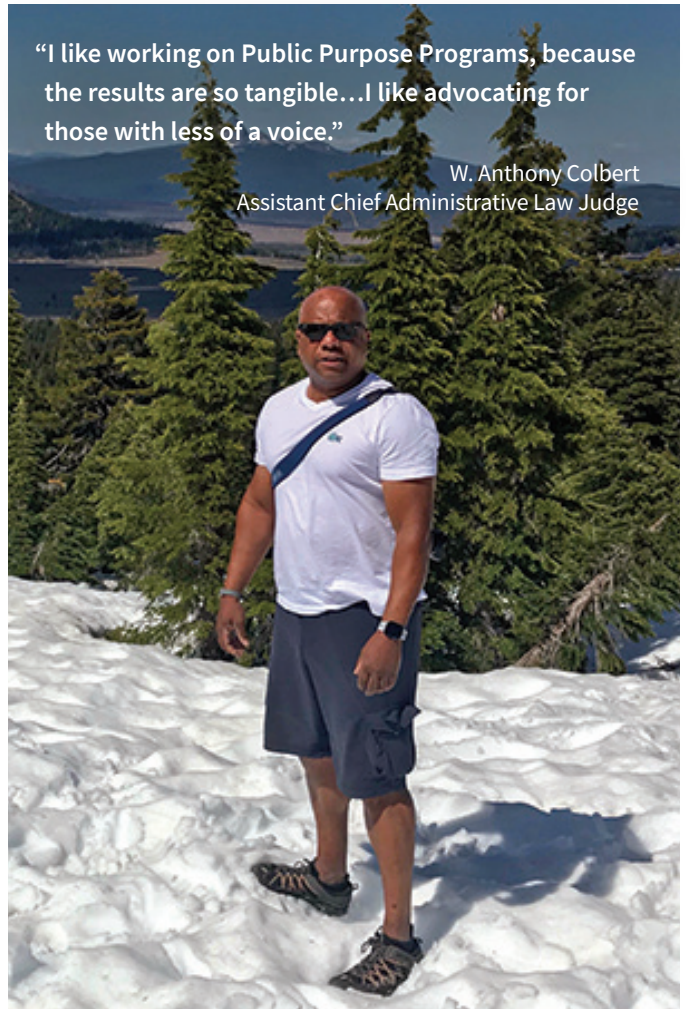
Anthony also credits his wife and two children with grounding him, giving him perspective in life and work.

He shares those values as a mentor, formerly at Balboa High School Law Academy and now at the DeAnza High School Law Academy in Richmond.

He acknowledges his own undergraduate degrees in Modern European History at UC Santa Barbara and his year abroad at Uni-

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versity of St. Andrews in Scotland might seem unusual given his current work.

“History is not just memorizing dates and places,” he explains. “It is learning why things happened as they did. That is excellent training for regulatory work.”

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Anthony likes to travel more than just back in time. Especially to track meets to watch the sprinters.

Anthony himself ran the more sensational 100- and 200-meter sprints in high school and switched to the 400 meter in college. While still a sprint of power and pace, the 400 requires a considerably higher tolerance for pain due to lactic acid build-up over the course of the lap.

When the conversation turns to track and field, Anthony noticeably animates. His low soothing tones spring into the sports vernacular of the great sprint races he has witnessed. His favorite might be the 1984 Olympics where he got to work in the Olympic Village.

“Give me a free weekend to myself,” he says, “and I am off to a major track meet.”

California Prepares to Shift Away From Natural Gas, While Keeping Power Reliable and Affordable

By Commissioner [Liane M. Randolph](#)

California's energy system is undergoing a period of profound change.

Our state has committed to the goals of 100 percent clean electricity, a doubling of energy efficiency, widespread transportation electrification, and a carbon-neutral economy by 2045.

Our electricity system has rapidly exceeded the renewable goals, and we are looking at an energy mix that is, at certain times of some days, well over 60 percent carbon-free.

But in the meantime, we need to achieve significant reductions in the use of fossil fuels in transportation and other sectors.

While you are contemplating making your next car purchase an electric vehicle and replacing your old gas water heater with an efficient heat pump water heater, state policymakers are considering how to manage the long-term transition away from fossil fuels.

As a key part of those considerations, we need to anticipate and plan for significant changes in California's natural gas distribution system. In January, the CPUC launched a process to do just that.

The last time the CPUC began a long-term planning process for gas system reliability was in 2004, and the effort was largely successful. The CPUC took actions to enhance reliability and affordability.

But much has changed in the gas industry in California since 2004, as we've seen with a series of pipeline and storage safety-related incidents, as well as challenging operational issues and constraints.

On the safety side, we experienced the San Bruno explosion and inferno in 2010 when a Pacific Gas and Electric Company natural gas pipeline ruptured and exploded, killing eight people, injuring 58, and destroying or damaging 108 homes.

To ensure that such a disaster does not happen again, the CPUC established a new safety process requiring all gas transmission pipeline operators in the state to file plans explaining how they will replace or pressure-test all pipelines that had not

been tested or for which reliable records were not available.

In October 2015, a well blowout at Southern California Gas Company's (SoCalGas) Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility near Los Angeles caused an environmental disaster resulting in the leak of 97,100 tons of methane. The incident forced several thousand families to be relocated temporarily and led to severe restrictions on Aliso Canyon storage.

At the request of Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature, we're now looking at ways to transition away from the Aliso Canyon facility as quickly as possible, once we've identified reliable and cost-effective ways to manage the gas system without the large storage capacity at the field.

Moreover, in 2017, SoCalGas experienced a rupture on a major pipeline, Line 235-2, in the desert east of Los Angeles, and other problems on Line 4000. Since both pipelines connect to critical interstate points to receive gas, their outages limited the amount of gas supply on the SoCalGas system.

During unseasonably cold temperatures in the winter of 2018, the utility was forced

to order mandatory gas supply cuts for some of its large customers.

These supply constraints led to price spikes for natural gas customers in 2017 and 2018 that resulted in extra costs for electric ratepayers as well.

Given that California's energy portfolio still includes gas-fired generators, the increased gas prices caused electric ratepayers to pay more than \$1 billion in additional costs during 2017 and 2018.

The need to maintain reliability, protect electric customers from increased costs, and the paramount concern for safety means that it is time to take a step back and consider these challenges holistically.

At the CPUC's Voting Meeting in San Francisco on Jan. 16, we opened a new Rulemaking proceeding with the goal of providing a forum where we can consider the challenge of how to ensure the safety and reliability of California's natural gas infrastructure.

And, to do so as we craft a long-term planning strategy to manage our transition away from natural gas-fueled technologies to meet California's decarbonization goals.

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THE DOCKET:

Proceedings Filed at the CPUC January 2020

PROCEEDING NUMBER | FILED DATE | FILER

A1912015 | 19-DEC.-2019 | HFA OF CALIFORNIA LLC

Application of HFA Of California LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Provide Limited Facilities-Based and Resold Competitive Local Exchange and Interexchange Service.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=323689329>

A1912013 | 27-DEC.-2019 | CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY

Application of California Water Service Company (U60W), a California corporation, for authorization to: (1) issue new Debt Securities in an aggregate principal amount up to \$700 million, in addition to previously-authorized amounts; (2) issue new Equity Securities in an aggregate principal amount up to \$700 million, in addition to previously-authorized amounts; (3) include certain features in the Debt or Equity Securities or to enter into certain derivative transactions related to underlying debt in order to improve the terms and conditions of the new securities and with the goal of lowering the cost of money for the benefit of ratepayers; and (4) take all other appropriate actions.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=323764334>

A1912016 | 27-DEC.-2019 | PACIFICORP

In the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp (U901E) for Authority to Establish a Memorandum Account for Costs Associated with Retirement and Decommissioning of Cholla Power Plant Unit 4.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=324290708>

A1912014 | 30-DEC.-2019 | ABIANO LIMOUSINE, LLC

In the matter of the Application Of ABIANO LIMOUSINE, LLC, for passenger stage authority under Section 1031, et. seq., of the California Public Utilities Code, to transport tourists and residents, on an on-call, inter/intra county fare basis, between points in the counties of San Francisco, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin County, Napa, Sonoma, Sacramento, on the other hand; and to establish a Zone of Rate Freedom (ZORF) under Section 454.2, et. Seq., of the PU Code.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=323687987>

A1811005 | 6-JAN.-2020 | ALJ/AYOADE/CPUC

Proposed Decision Resolving the Application of Southern California Gas Company to Establish a Demand Response Program.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=323708979>

A2001002 | 06-JAN.-2020 | CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Application for Rehearing of Resolution T-17674.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=323689336>

A2001001 | 07-JAN.-2020 | GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY, ON BEHALF OF ITS BEAR VALLEY ELECTRIC SERVICE DIVISION

Application of Golden State Water Company on Behalf of its Bear Valley Electric Service Division (U913E) for Approval of Memorandum Account to Record and Track Incremental Costs of Implementing California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=323759043>

C1812004 | 7-JAN.-2020 | ALJ/RIZZO/CPUC

Presiding Officer's Decision dismissing Complaint of Southern California Public Power Authority vs. Southern California Gas Company.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=323764303>

A2001005 | 9-JAN.-2020 | LOGAN PARENT, LLC

Joint Application by Logan Parent, LLC, and LogMeln, Inc. for Approval Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 854 of the Transfer of Control of GetGo Communications LLC (U7241C), Grasshopper Group, LLC (U7197C), and Jive Communications, Inc. (U7360C).

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=324786016>

R1502020 | 9-JAN.-2020 | ALJ/ATAMTURK-LAKHANPAL/CPUC

Proposed Decision Granting Petition for Modification of Decision 15-09-004 filed by FuelCell Energy, Inc. and Toyota Motor North America to clarify that directed biogas is eligible under the Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=324367352>

A2001003 | 10-JAN.-2020 | ANYTIME AIRPORT SHUTTLE, LLC

Application of Anytime Airport Shuttle, LLC to operate as both a Scheduled and On-Call Passenger Stage Corporation between points in Chico California and the Sacramento International Airport, the Oakland International Airport and the San Francisco International Airport; and to establish a Zone of Rate Freedom.

Hard copy filed.

A2001004 | 13-JAN.-2020 | VINEYARD INFRASTRUCTURE -LOS OLIVOS, LLC

Application of Vineyard Infrastructure Los Olivos, LLC, doing business as Santa Ynez Trolley, for authority to operate as a scheduled Passenger Stage Corporation between the cities of Los Olivos, Santa Ynez, Los Alamos, Ballard, Buellton and Solvang; and to establish a Zone of Rate Freedom (ZORF).

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=324375646>

This is no small undertaking.

It is highly complex, with many moving parts and issues to weigh and think through. But it is absolutely essential that we do so, and I look forward to hearing the thoughts and ideas of affected people as we address these challenges.

It's important to manage this transition so we minimize "stranded" costs borne by ratepayers. Stranded costs refers to utility infrastructure that must still be paid for but that would become obsolete as the transition unfolds.

We must also avoid making gas service unaffordable or uneconomic for those who continue to use gas for essential energy services and ensure that customers who move off gas have access to essential energy services at prices that are affordable.

Most importantly, gas pipelines need to be maintained safely. They must be operated consistent with state and federal standards. Maintaining those standards will require investments of labor and equipment at a time when ideally the amount of gas used will go down.

Ensuring safety at the same time the system transitions towards less reliance on gas will

be a high hurdle for the state to manage. But we Californians are up to the challenge.

We plan to conduct this proceeding in three phases:

Track 1A will examine reliability standards for the gas transmission systems to determine, among other things, whether design changes are necessary to account for a warming climate, and the service capacity of current and future gas system infrastructure.

Track 1B will examine proposals for mitigating the negative impact that operational issues with gas transmission systems have on wholesale and local gas market prices, and gas system and electric grid reliability.

And Track 2 will determine the regulatory solutions and planning strategy the CPUC should implement to ensure that—as the demand for natural gas declines—gas utilities maintain safe and reliable gas systems at just and reasonable rates, and with minimal or no stranded costs.

In managing this transition, we also need to be cognizant of the impacts on those working in the natural gas industry. A recent report by Gridworks, an energy advocacy organization in Oakland, noted a

gas distribution work force in California of more than 10,000 employees.

As we move away from natural gas, natural gas, these workers are understandably concerned about their livelihoods. We need to be sensitive to their needs as well.

Any undertaking of this magnitude must be collaborative. In addition to working with the public, CPUC staff from our Energy, Safety and Legal Divisions, as well as other knowledgeable CPUC experts, we are—as always—in close communication and coordination with the California Energy Commission. We are, in fact, establishing a working group with the Energy Commission so that we can explore these issues together.

We face many big decisions as this proceeding moves forward. These decisions will have tremendous economic, social, and environmental impacts.

I'm confident that working inclusively the public, and our partners at the Energy Commission and elsewhere, we can make the right decisions that keep our energy system safe, affordable, and reliable.

Note: This article first appeared in [CalMatters](#) on Feb. 25, 2020.

C2001008 | 15-JAN.-2020 | ZUMA BEACH FM EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY BROADCASTERS, INC.

Zuma Beach FM Emergency and Community Broadcasters Inc. d/b/a 99.1 KBUU-FM, Complainant, vs. Southern California Edison Company (U338E), Defendant. [Allegation: Decision 19-05-042 violation]. Hard Copy Filed

R2001007 | 16-JAN.-2020 | CPUC

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Policies, Processes, and Rules to Ensure Safe and Reliable Gas Systems in California and perform Long-Term Gas System Planning. <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?docformat=ALL&docid=322522999>

A2001009 | 16-JAN.-2020 | LEISURE SIGHTSEEING SHUTTLE

Application of Leisure Sightseeing Shuttle, a California Corporation, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as an on call Passenger Stage Corporation between Points in the Counties of Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Contra Costa, Marin and the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco International Airport, Oakland International Airport and the Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport; and to establish a Zone of Rate Freedom. Hard Copy Filed.

A1504013 | 17-JAN-2020 | ALJ/YACKNIN/CPUC

Decision Granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project. <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=324944676>

A1807024 | 17-JAN-2020 | ALJ/HYMES/CPUC

Decision Addressing San Diego Gas & Electric Company and Southern California Gas Company Triennial Cost Allocation Proceeding Application <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=324865002>

I1812007 | 17-JAN-2020 | ALJ/ALLEN/CPUC

Presiding Officer's Decision approving with modifications a proposed settlement between Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), the Commission's Safety and Enforcement Division and the Coalition of California Utility Employees (CUE) relating to problems with PG&E's "Locate and Mark" program for identifying the location of underground gas and electric facilities. Any party to this adjudicatory proceeding may file and serve an Appeal of the Presiding Officer's Decision within 30 days of the date of issuance of this decision. In addition, any Commissioner may request review of the Presiding

Officer's Decision by filing and serving a Request for Review within 30 days of the date of issuance. Any party may file and serve a Response to an Appeal or Request for Review no later than 15 days after the date the Appeal or Request for Review was filed. In cases of multiple Appeals or Requests for Review, the Response may be to all such filings and may be filed 15 days after the last such Appeal or Request for Review was filed. Replies to Responses are not permitted.
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=324944677>

A2001010 | 21-JAN.-2020 | CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
Application for Rehearing of Resolution T-17668.
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=324884560>

A2001011 | 21-JAN.-2020 | SIMWOOD, INC.
In the Matter of the Application of Simwood, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Limited Facilities-Based Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications Services Within California.
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=325636776>

A1204019 | 23-JAN-20 | ALJ/HAGA/CPUC
Proposed Decision granting compensation to Planning and Conservation League Foundation for substantial contribution to Decisions 18-09-017 and 16-09-021.
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=325544861>

R1407002 A1607015 | 23-JAN-20 | ALJ/KAO/CPUC
Decision Denying Petition for Modification of Decision 16-04-020 and Decision 18-02-008 with respect to the bill credit estimation methodology for small solar plus storage systems.
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=325526229>

R1103013 | 23-JAN-20 | CMMR/SHIROMA/CPUC
Decision Extending Authorization to Replace Federal Support for California-Only Participants to the California Universal Telephone Service Program.
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=325526228>

A1204019 | 24-JAN-20 | ALJ/HAGA/CPUC
Decision Granting Compensation to Landwatch Monterey County for Substantial Contribution to Decisions (D.)18-09-017 and D.16-09-021.
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=325544871>

R1807003 | 24-JAN-20 | ALJ/ATAMTURK/LAKHANPAL/CPUC
Decision Granting Intervenor Compensation to L. Jan Reid for Substantial Contribution to D.19-02-007.
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=325544870>

A1906001 | 24-JAN-20 | ALJ/WILDGRUBE/CPUC
Decision Adopting Pacific Gas and Electric Company's 2020 Energy Resource Recovery Account Forecast and Generation Non-Bypassable Charges Forecast and Greenhouse Gas Forecast Revenue Return and Reconciliation.
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=325636695>

A2001012 | 24-JAN.-2020 | CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY
In the Matter of Application of California Water Service Company (U60W) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Public Utility Water System Near Friant in Madera County and to Establish Rates For Service.
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=326172059>

A1911024 | 25-NOV.-2019 (IN NEED OF REASSIGNMENT, WEEK OF 20-JAN.-2020) | COMBINED PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
Application of Combined Public Communications, LLC for Registration as an interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation Pursuant to the Provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.
<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=320829855>

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