



Filings of Note

“All the Proceedings that are Fit to Print”

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What am I reading?

This is the second in a series of monthly newsletters sent out by the California Public Utilities Commission in order to comply with the requirements of Senate Bill 512, which requires the CPUC to “seek the participation of those who are likely to be affected, including those who are likely to benefit from, and those who are potentially subject to, a decision in that proceeding.”

This 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, followed by a list summarizing the other filed CPUC decisions that month.

While not every proceeding will directly affect your stakeholders, and most ones that do will be sent directly to key groups by your area’s local liaison, it may be helpful to be informed of general CPUC activity.

Our liaisons are available to help you serve the people in your community. If you or community members have questions, it’s their job to get you the answers – either from themselves or the appropriate person at the CPUC.

Ultimately, their goal and role is to be your first call whenever you, colleagues, or residents have any question or concern about the CPUC or the entities that we regulate. Our mission is to keep you up-to-date on what’s happening at the CPUC and how it affects your community.

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Transportation electrification projects up for vote

ALJs’ decision approves nearly \$41 million for utilities’ GHG-reducing efforts

Administrative law judges with the California Public Utilities Commission issued a proposed decision on Nov. 22 that would approve a number of proposed “transportation electrification” projects put forth by the states’ largest investor-owned utilities as part of their mandate to meet clean energy requirements.

Judges Sasha Goldberg and Michelle Cooke approved 15 “priority” review projects, totaling about \$41 million, that were put forward by the state’s largest investor-owned utilities (Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison, and San Diego Gas & Electric) in order to meet clean energy and widespread transportation electrification goals of Senate Bill 350.

Parties to the proceeding (number A.17-01-020 *et al*) have until Dec. 12 to file comments on the utilities’ proposals before the CPUC votes on the matter. Reply comments are due on Dec. 18. The first opportunity for the CPUC’s commissioners to vote on the proposed decision is at the Jan. 11, 2018, voting meeting in San Francisco.

“This decision is another step forward in ensuring California meets its clean air and greenhouse gas reduction goals for 2030 and beyond,” wrote the judges in their 96-page decision.

The proposed decision comes 10 months after the utilities submitted their initial proposals and after several workshops, including public participation meetings in Chula Vista, Fresno, Los Angeles, and Richmond. The projects tentatively approved focus on industrial and fleet electrification.

“We want to ensure investment



One of San Diego Gas & Electric’s proposals is to partner with United Parcel Service to support the electrification of 60 delivery trucks. Photo by Rayson Ho.

in projects that can help stimulate private sector investment and will lead to scaled up [transportation electrification] in various sectors, while balancing costs and ensuring benefits for ratepayers,” wrote the judges.

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) had proposals worth about \$18.6 million tentatively approved, including: electrifying airport ground support equipment, partnering with Caltrans to install 20 charging stations at four park-and-rides, and electrifying forklifts at the Port of San Diego.

SDG&E’s primary partner will be United Parcel Service (UPS). SDG&E proposes to help support electrification of 60 of their delivery vehicles by providing charging infrastructure at three UPS locations. At each location, SDG&E plans to deploy 20 chargers.

For taxi and shuttle companies,

SDG&E proposes to offer a financial incentive of \$10,000 per electric vehicle. (One incentive per taxi company and two per shuttle company.)

Southern California Edison (SCE) had about \$16 million in projects approved, including rebates, rideshare rewards, and special assistance for getting electric vehicle infrastructure into disadvantaged communities.

SCE also plans to fund infrastructure at bus depots and along bus routes to serve electric commuter buses operating in SCE’s service territory. SCE will provide a rebate to participating customers to cover the cost of the charging equipment and installation. The goal of the program is to expand the number of electric buses operating in SCE’s service territory.

Finally, SCE plans to replace the diesel engines that power nine

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Featured Proceeding(s): A.17-01-020 *et al*



CPUC issues proposed decision for energy efficiency solicits

A proposed decision by an administrative law judge with the California Public Utilities Commission would implement a two-stage approach for utilities to solicit third-party energy efficiency program administrators, enabling those utilities to begin the process of designing programs while larger issues with their portfolios are worked out with the CPUC.

Judge Julie Fitch's decision, issued on Nov. 17, has no legal effect until it is approved by the CPUC's commissioners. It is tentatively scheduled to be voted on at the Commission's Dec. 14 meeting in San Francisco.

Section 454.5 of the Public Utilities Code requires that investor-owned utilities (IOUs) "meet unmet resource needs with all available energy efficiency and demand reduction that is cost-effective, reliable, and feasible" and requires the CPUC to establish targets for investor-owned utilities to achieve cost-effective electric and gas energy efficiency.

"Because of the scale of the investment in energy efficiency in California, especially over the past decade, there has been a great deal of capacity development in the private sector to deliver cost-effective savings to customers," Judge Fitch wrote in her decision.

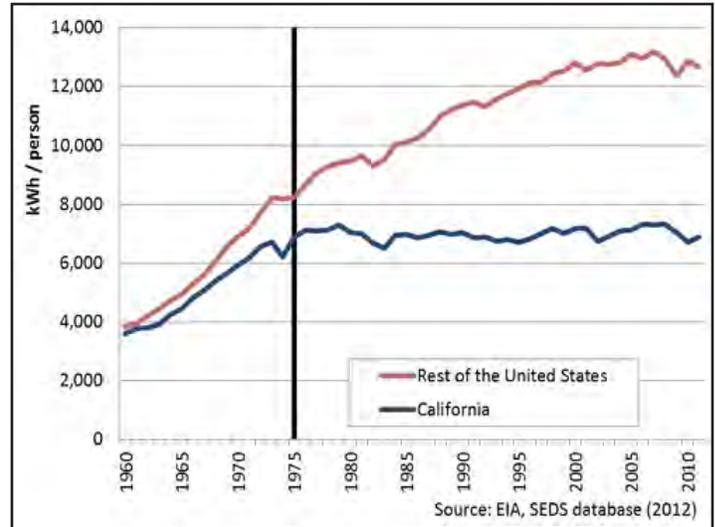
Reflecting that ongoing development, a 2015 Commission decision established a "Rolling Portfolio" process for regularly reviewing and

revising energy efficiency program administrators' portfolios. This proposed decision is part of a larger effort to consolidate the business plan proposals for all three major investor-owned utilities (Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison, and San Diego Gas & Electric), Southern California Gas Company, Marin Clean Energy, and several regional energy networks for the 2018-2025 period.

Addressing this third party solicitation process prior to considering the overall energy efficiency portfolio proposals will allow the IOUs to undertake preliminary activities while the CPUC renders a decision on the complete applications at issue, according to the ruling.

IOUs routinely contract with third-party companies to administer energy efficiency programs, such as home energy audits, design incentives for energy-efficient new home construction, and wastewater optimization. For example, Lockheed Martin Services, Inc, manages a heavy industry energy efficiency program for large industrial users on behalf of PG&E.

Utilities report that utilizing third-party design and implementation services help the utilities focus on increasing cost-effectiveness, reducing portfolio administration costs, and achieving operational efficiencies. The third-party companies also help the IOUs deliver innovative solutions that might not have been evident in large corpo-



The gap between U.S. and California energy use per person can be partially attributed to Energy Efficiency.

Featured Decisions: A.17-01-(013 to 017)

rate cultures.

Under the terms of the proposed decision, IOUs would implement a two-stage solicitation approach to soliciting third party program design and implementation services as part of the energy efficiency portfolio. All IOUs will be required to conduct a Request for Abstract solicitation, followed by a full Request for Proposal stage.

The proposed decision additionally orders the three main IOUs to ramp up the percentage of third party designed and implemented energy efficiency programs from 25 percent at the end of 2018 to at least 60 percent by Dec. 31, 2022.

An earlier decision had required 60 percent by the end of 2020.

The IOUs have reported they intend to collaborate on a standard form requiring participant information, such as company name, size revenue, location, etc. The IOUs told the CPUC that this standardization should help participants respond to multiple solicitations, especially if they are issued concurrently by multiple IOUs.

A draft of the proposed decision is available online at: <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M199/K030/199030481.PDF>

The Docket: Filings of note from Nov. 1 to Nov. 30, 2017

PROCEEDING NUMBER • FILED DATE • FILER

R1503011 • 3-Nov-17 • CMMR/PETERMAN/CPUC

Proposed decision provides direction to the utilities on how to promote the ability of storage resources to realize their full economic value when they are capable of providing multiple benefits and services to the electricity system.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=198354720>

A1711001 • 3-Nov-17 • City of Modesto

Application of the City of Modesto for an Order Authorizing Construction of one New Grade Separated Crossing below one elevated rail line operated by the Union Pacific Railroad Company at the proposed Tuolumne River Regional Park Gateway Parcel in the City of Modesto, State of California.

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A1711004 • 03-Nov-2017 • GHOLAMREZA ASKARI

Application of Gholamreza Askari, dba R Transportation for authority to operate as a Passenger Stage Corporation, on-call, door-to-door, service between the City of Escondido, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, and the City of Oceanside, on the one hand, and points in the Counties of San Diego, Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside, on the other hand; and to establish a Zone of Rate Freedom.

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R1505006 • 8-Nov-17 • CMMR/PICKER/CPUC

Proposed Decision adopting regulations to enhance fire-safety in the High Fire-Threat District. (Featured article in November "Filings of Note")

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A1608006 • 8-Nov-17 • ALJ/ALLEN/CPUC
Proposed decision approving retirement of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

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A1701012; A1701018; A1701019 • 9-Nov-17 • ALJ/HYMES/ AT-AMTURK/CPUC

Decision Adopting Demand Response Activities and Budget for 2018 Through 2022.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=198355113>

A1712001 • 9-Nov-17 • ORIGIN NETWORKS, LLC

Application of Origin Networks, LLC for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation pursuant to the Provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

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R1706015 • 9-Nov-17 • CMMR/RECHTSCHAFFEN/ CPUC

Proposed decision establishes the necessary framework to direct gas corporations to implement not less than five dairy biomethane pilot projects to demonstrate interconnection to the common carrier pipeline system and allow for rate recovery of reasonable infrastructure costs pursuant to Senate Bill 1383.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=198354351>

I1711003 • 9-Nov-2017 • CPUC

Order Instituting Investigation into the November 2017 Submission of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Risk Assessment and Mitigation Phase.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?docformat=ALL&docid=198365223>

A1711006 • 9-Nov-2017 • Titan Networks LLC

Joint Application for Approval for the Acquisition by Titan Networks LLC of Indirect Control of Modus Networks, LLC (U7289C) Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 854.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=198869647>

R1407002 • 13-Nov-17 • ALJ/KAO/CPUC

Proposed decision adopts modifications to investor owned utilities' virtual net energy metering tariffs, in order to facilitate virtual net energy metering-eligible generation paired with a storage system.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=198869614>

A1701013; A1701014; A1701015; A1701016; A1701017 • 13-Nov-17 • ALJ/FITCH/CPUC Proposed decision addresses the required process for third party solicitations in the context of the rolling portfolio energy efficiency programs overseen by the investor-owned utility program administrators.

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R1305007 • 13-Nov-17 • CMMR/RECHTSCHAFFEN/CPUC
Proposed decision denies the Petition for Modification of Decision 14-08-057 submitted by the Office of Ratepayer Advocates on July 1, 2015.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=198355018>

A1711005 • 13-Nov-2017 • San Diego Gas & Electric Company
Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902E) and Citizens Energy Corporation for Authorization Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 851 to Lease Transfer Capability Rights to Citizens Sycamore-Penasquitos Transmission LLC.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=198796941>

A1711007 • 13-Nov-2017 • JIVE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Application of Jive Communications, Inc. for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation pursuant to the Provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

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A1711008 • 13-Nov-2017 • SONIC SYSTEMS, INC, DBA SONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Application of SONIC SYSTEMS, INC., dba SONIC COMMUNICATIONS for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Order to Provide Resold and Limited Facilities Based Competitive Local Exchange and Interexchange Service in the State of California.

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R1206013 • 14-Nov-17 • ALJ/PARK/MCKINNEY/TSEN/CPUC

Proposed decision reaffirms the Commission's commitment to optimize, align, and integrate electricity-related customer engagement campaigns for different Commission programs.

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A1411007; A1411009; A1411010; A1411011 • 14-Nov-17 • ALJ/ COLBERT/CPUC

Proposed decision grants, in part, and denies, in part, two Petitions for Modification of Decision 16-11-022 in which budgets and program directives were adopted for the investor-owned energy utilities' administration and participation in the California Alternate Rates for Energy and Energy Savings Assistance Programs for 2017 through 2020.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=199083291>

R1502020 • 14-Nov-17 • ALJ/MASON/ SIMON/ ATAMTURK/ CPUC

Proposed decision accepts the draft 2017 Renewables Portfolio Standard Procurement Plans, including the related solicitation protocols, filed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

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cranes at the Port of Long Beach with electric lift and propulsion drives. SCE has identified the diesel powered gantry cranes as the second largest source of Nitrous oxide emissions at the terminal, and reports that electrifying rubber tire gantry cranes could significantly reduce emissions if similar projects are adopted by other port operators in California.

Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) proposed five priority review projects in its January 2017 application, worth about \$20 million. The judges, however, wrote that in general, PG&E's application lacked details in comparison with the other utilities to this proceeding, and accordingly approved only \$8 million in PG&E projects.

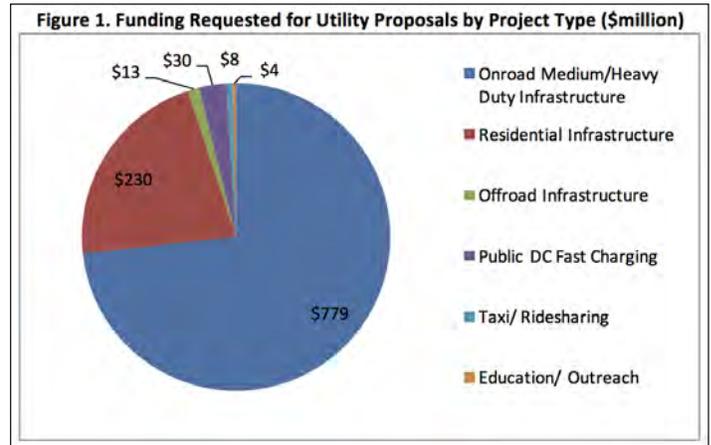
The proposed decision does order PG&E to implement its Medium/Heavy Duty Fleet Customer Demonstration Project in one or more disadvantaged communi-

ties, and must incorporate lessons learned into its standard review proposals.

As part of the demonstration, PG&E will identify and partner with one customer who is currently operating a fleet of medium or heavy vehicles (e.g., transit buses or short-haul delivery vehicles) and, using utility tools and expertise, assist the customer in deploying electric vehicles instead of fossil-fueled vehicles.

PG&E also proposes to work with a school district that agrees to buy electric school buses, to ensure the district charges the buses during periods of peak renewable generation. Typically, school buses have predictable duty-cycles, and are not used during mid-day when peak generation from renewable sources occurs.

PG&E was also tentatively approved to research idle reduction technology and to implement a



The Nov. 22 proposed decision only dealt with “priority review” projects. In total, the utilities have requested about \$1 billion in funding to implement proposals over several years. As shown, the majority of requested funding is for infrastructure to the medium- and heavy-duty sectors.

home electric vehicle charger information project.

“The projects approved in this decision are meant to be short-term pilot approaches to allow us to better understand whether or how utility investment in a particular market segment can help

achieve the many goals for [Transportation Electrification] laid out by SB 350,” wrote the judges.

The Proposed Decision is available at <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=198874393>

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A1711010 • 15-Nov-2017 • San Diego Gas & Electric Company
In The Matter of the Application of SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY (U902E) for a Permit to Construct The Tie Line (TL) 6975 San Marcos to Escondido Project.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=199083317>

A1711009 • 17-Nov-2017 • Pacific Gas & Electric Company
Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company Proposing Cost of Service and Rates for Gas Transmission and Storage Services for the Period 2019-2021. (U39G)

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=198890109>

A1711011 • 17-Nov-2017 • OpenFiber

Application of OpenFiber 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, Consolidated Communications, and Frontier Communications of California; and (ii) full facilities-based and resold non-dominant interexchange services on a statewide basis.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=199030563>

A1701020; A1701021; A1701022 • 22-Nov-17 • ALJ/GOLDBERG/COOKE/ CPUC

Decision approves, with modifications, priority review projects proposed by California's three largest electric utilities and approves budgets totaling approximately \$41 million. Opening comments are due no later than December 12, 2017. Reply comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing opening comments.

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A1711014 • 21-Nov-2017 • Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC
Application of Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC (U933E) for Approval to Construct a Battery Energy Storage System in Alpine County, California.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=199554030>

A1711015 • 22-Nov-2017 • Education Networks of America, Inc.
Joint Application for Approval for the Acquisition by Education Networks of America, Inc. of Control of TQCI Holdco II, LLC d/b/a TeleQuality California (U7075C) Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Sections 851 and 854.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=199495530>

A1711013 • 22-NOV-2017 • California High Speed Rail Authority
Application of the California High-Speed Rail Authority to construct proposed high-speed tracks (HST) and Underpass Grade Separations at Garces Road (135S-266.5-B), Pond Road (135S-270.0-B) and Peterson Road (135S-271.2-B) in Kern County, California.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=199508454>

A1704016 • 29-Nov-17 • ALJ/KELLY/CPUC

Decision adopting San Diego Gas & Electric Company's 2018 Electric Procurement Cost Revenue Requirement Forecast and 2018 Forecast of Greenhouse Gas Related Forecasts. Comments on the proposed decision must be filed within 3 days of its mailing and no reply comments will be accepted/or reply comments must be filed within 3 days of its mailing.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=199030496>



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