California Public Utilities Commission and California Energy Commission

Joint En Banc on Changing Nature of Consumer and Retail Choice in California

WHEN: Friday, May 19, 2017, 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: Byron Sher Auditorium, CalEPA Building, 1001 I St., Sacramento

REGISTRATION: Registration for this event is currently closed, but overflow seating will be available in Sacramento and the En Banc will be broadcast at the CPUC’s offices in San Francisco.

OVERFLOW SEATING/VIEWING:
- Sacramento: Klamath Room, CalEPA Building, 1001 I St., Sacramento
- San Francisco: CPUC Auditorium, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco

WEBCAST: https://video.calepa.ca.gov/

NOTICE: Per California Government Code Section 11125, Public Notice of this En Banc will be served on the following open Rate-setting proceedings, each of which may be covered during this En Banc.

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AGENDA:

1) Introductory Remarks from California Public Utilities Commission President Michael Picker and California Energy Commission Chair Robert Weisenmiller (8:45–9 a.m.)

2) CPUC President Picker presents White Paper on Retail Choice, the Role of the Utility and an Evolving Regulatory Framework (9–9:15 a.m.)

3) Panel Discussion: What Customers Want (9:15 – 10:45 p.m.)
Overview and discussion of priorities and requirements of major customer categories, including the types of retail electricity choices they want, key consumer protection concerns, general view on the structure of California’s retail electricity market, and the role of regulatory agencies and utilities. Each presenter will be given 5-7 minutes to discuss their view of their customer segments key interests. This will be followed by moderated Q&A with Commissioners given first opportunity to ask questions.

Moderator: Ralph Cavanagh, Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC)

   a. Marcel Hawiger, Attorney, The Utility Reform Network
   b. Stretl Cervas, Co-Executive Director, California Environmental Justice Alliance
   c. Tim McRae, Vice President, Silicon Valley Leadership Group
   d. Mark Byron, University of California, Office of President
   e. Nora Sheriff, Alcantar-Kahl Law representing California Large Energy Consumers Association
   f. Katie Jackson, Vice President, Jackson Family Wines

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4) Panel Discussion: State of Customer Choice in California (11 a.m.– 12:15 p.m.)
Overview and discussion of current state of customer choice in California. Presenters will be given 8-10 minutes to respond to the CPUC’s interest in retail choice and the utility business model and share their views on how the regulatory framework must evolve to enable competitive suppliers and technologies to play a growing role in helping California achieve its long-term goals. This will be followed by moderated Q&A with Commissioners given first opportunity to ask questions.

Moderator: Sue Tierney, Analysis Group

   a) Anne Hoskins, Chief Policy Officer, SunRun
   b) Geoff Syphers, Chief Executive Officer, Sonoma Clean Energy
   c) Ron Perry, CEO, Commercial Energy
   d) Jeff Cramer, Executive Director, Coalition for Community Solar Access
LUNCH (12:15-1:30 p.m.)

5) Panel Discussion: Investor-Owned Utility Perspective on Current State of Retail Electricity Market and Coming Changes
This panel is an opportunity for the three investor-owned utilities to discuss current challenges and lay out their vision for the evolution of retail electricity choice and their ‘Business Model’ in this future. Each presenter will be given 15-20 minutes to discuss a specific component of the evolving Utility Business Model (wires company in a non-wires alternative world; achieving 50 percent Renewables Portfolio Standard and beyond; and electrifying everything). This will be followed by moderated Q&A with Commissioners given first opportunity to ask questions.

Moderator: Ren Orans, Energy and Environmental Economics
   a. Caroline Choi, Vice President, Southern California Edison
   b. Steve Malnight, Executive Vice President, Pacific Gas and Electric Company
   c. Dan Skopec, Vice President, San Diego Gas & Electric

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6) “Big Think Presentation” on the Future of Retail Electricity Service (3:15–4:30 p.m.)
This section will be an opportunity for our panel moderators, as well as nationally recognized industry experts, to reflect on the day’s discussion and share their perspectives on a) what retail electric market structures are necessary to ensure California achieves its 2030 goals; and b) what considerations must California account for related to technological change in its regulatory framework and how is technological change impacted by the structure of the investor-owned utility. Each presenter will be given 10 minutes to share their perspectives, followed by a moderated discuss and Q&A with Commissioners.

Moderator: Jan Smutney-Jones, Executive Director, Independent Energy Producers Association
   a. Sue Tierney, Analysis Group
   b. Ren Orans, E3
   c. Ralph Cavanagh, NRDC
   d. Jon Wellinghoff

7) Public Comment, Commissioner Reactions, and Closing Comments (4:30–5:15 p.m.)

Members of the public are invited to submit question/comment cards throughout the day that will be shared during this final session.