



CPUC Safety Intervenor Workshop

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Introductions

- Dorothy Duda – Interim Director, Office of the Safety Advocate
- Marzia Zafar – Director of Policy and Planning Division
- Allison Brown – CPUC Public Advisor





Panel One

Topic: Discussion of Formation of Office of the Safety Advocate

- Tony Marino, Office of Senator Jerry Hill
- Tom Long, TURN





Senate Bill 62 (Hill and Pavley)

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill would, until January 1, 2020, establish within the commission the Office of the Safety Advocate to advocate for the continuous, cost-effective improvement of the safety management and safety performance of public utilities. The bill would require the office to promote public utility safety by: (1) advocating for effective public utility safety management and infrastructure improvements and for the transparency of safety information; (2) recommending improvements to the commission's safety management policy and procedures and its safety culture; and (3) informing the official record on safety-related risks in applicable commission proceedings and assisting the commission in its efforts to hold public utilities accountable for their safe operation. The bill would require the office to annually provide specified information to the chairpersons of the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of each house of the Legislature.





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SECTION 1. Section 309.8 is added to the Public Utilities Code, to read:

309.8. (a) There is hereby established within the commission the Office of the Safety Advocate to advocate for the continuous, cost-effective improvement of the safety management and safety performance of public utilities.

(b) The office shall promote public utility safety by doing all of the following:

(1) Advocating, as a party to commission proceedings and on behalf of the interests of public utility customers, for effective public utility safety management and infrastructure improvements and for the transparency of safety information, including, but not limited to, information relating to past performance.

(2) Recommending improvements to the commission's safety management policy and procedures and its safety culture.

(3) Informing the official record on safety-related risks in applicable commission proceedings and assisting the commission in its efforts to hold public utilities accountable for their safe operation.

(c) On or before January 10 of each year, the office shall provide to the chairpersons of the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of each house of the Legislature all of the following information:

(1) The actions taken by the office to recommend improvements to the commission's safety management policy and procedures and its safety culture related to the oversight of utilities.

(2) The actions taken by the office to recommend improvements to public utility safety management policy and procedures and safety culture.

(3) The proceedings in which the office participated and a brief description of the testimony it filed.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2020, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2020, deletes or extends that date.





Panel One Questions:

1. What types of proceedings should the Division of Safety Analysis focus on?
2. Is the Division of Safety Analysis similar to TURN and the Office of Ratepayer Advocates, or will they bring another perspective to proceedings?
3. How is the Division of Safety Analysis going to work with the CPUC's Safety & Enforcement Division?
4. What type of testimony, if any will the Division of Safety Analysis file?





Panel Two

Topic: Discussion of Barriers to Participation by Safety-Related Intervenors in CPUC Proceedings

- Mark Joseph, California Coalition of Utility Employees
- Eveyln Kahl, Indicated Producers





Panel Two Questions:

1. How can we increase participation by Safety-Related intervenors in CPUC proceedings?
2. How can the CPUC ensure its processes provide transparency and equal footing for all intervenors?





Public Comment

Thank you for your participation today.

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