

<b>DRAFT COMMISSION POLICY</b>	
Category: <b>Commission-Staff Linkage</b>	Title: <b>COMMISSION POLICIES AND PRIORITIES FOR THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE</b>
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This policy addresses the linkage between the President of the Commission, the five-member Commission acting as a body, and the Chief Administrative Law Judge.

The Chief Administrative Law Judge of the CPUC is appointed by the five-member Commission. The President of the Commission, acting in consultation with the other four Commissioners, functionally directs the Chief Administrative Law Judge.

The Chief Administrative Law Judge directs the Administrative Law Judge Division consistent with the law.

In addition, the five-member Commission, acting as a body, may set out policies and principles by which the Chief Administrative Law Judge shall carry out his or her duties, consistent with the law.

It is the Commission's policy that:

- a) The Chief Administrative Law Judge shall conduct his or her work to achieve the strategic directives set by the Commission, with attention to the results or conditions of the CPUC that the Commission has communicated as acceptable or not acceptable.
- b) The Chief Administrative Law Judge shall conduct his or her work in compliance with the law and with the purpose of maximizing the benefit of the CPUC to the citizens of California.
- c) The Chief Administrative Law Judge shall exercise prudent judgment.
- d) The Chief Administrative Law Judge shall report regularly to the full Commission on Administrative Law Judge Division activities to achieve the strategic directives set by the Commission.

- e) As the Executive Director has final hiring authority for all Commission staff pursuant to Pub. Util. Code section 309, the Chief Administrative Law Judge shall regularly and upon request seek approval for Administrative Law Judge Division hiring and employment practices from the Executive Director. The Chief Administrative Law Judge shall advise the Executive Director and shall assist the Executive Director with ensuring that such practices are designed and implemented to comply with the law and achieve the Commission's strategic directives.
- f) The Chief Administrative Law Judge is authorized to establish further policies, make decisions, take actions, establish practices, and develop activities in accordance with CPUC policies and direction from the President and/or the full Commission.
- g) Where the Chief Administrative Law Judge determines, in consultation with the President, that there is a need for policies or delegations to direct the Administrative Law Judge Division that are not addressed within CPUC policies, the Chief Administrative Law Judge shall propose new policies or delegations to the full Commission.

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