



CPUC Publishes Dashboard for General Order 131-E Pilot Program May 13, 2026

Introduction

In January 2025, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) updated its rules for permitting electric transmission infrastructure in California with the adoption of [General Order \(GO\) 131-E](#), a key action to support achievement of the state's clean energy goals. The CPUC's decision adopting GO 131-E directed staff to implement a pilot program to evaluate opportunities to accelerate the agency's existing permitting processes, including project reviews subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for electric transmission projects, and to report on the results of the pilot program by compliance filing every other year. On May 13, 2026, the CPUC published a [dashboard](#) providing an early view of the pilot projects and performance metrics that will be analyzed in the first pilot program report due December 1, 2026.

Pilot Program Summary

In the pilot program, CPUC staff are tracking performance metrics, developed through a stakeholder process, for a list of selected pilot projects. These metrics will be used to accomplish the following objectives:

- Evaluate the CPUC CEQA review process for electric transmission projects to identify additional process improvements and other opportunities to accelerate permitting;
- Study the implementation of the new GO 131-E permitting processes adopted in January 2025;
- Define and track the project-specific factors that affect electric transmission permitting timelines, including project delays; and
- Report the results of the pilot program to the public in biennial reports and in a public-facing dashboard on the CPUC website.

Potential benefits of the pilot program include greater transparency and identification of process improvements to inform the acceleration of permitting timelines for electric transmission infrastructure to support California's clean energy goals.

Dashboard Summary

The dashboard provides an early view of the pilot projects and performance metrics that will be analyzed in the first pilot program report. It includes an executive summary table presenting the high-level performance metrics being tracked in the pilot program; bar charts showing the duration of pre-filing review, application review, and permitting for each project; and a link to a spreadsheet containing the underlying data.

The dashboard is embedded on the [GO 131-E pilot program webpage](#).



Selected Pilot Projects

The pilot projects included in the dashboard are listed in Table 1. These projects were selected to include at least one project proposed by each of the state's three major investor-owned utilities (IOUs), at least two mitigated negative declarations (MNDs) and two environmental impact reports (EIRs), and a mix of competitively bid and non-competitively bid projects. To satisfy these criteria, in addition to four newer projects filed (or expected) under GO 131-E from 2025 onward, the list includes four older projects that were filed under its predecessor GO 131-D between 2022 and 2024, for a total of eight pilot projects proposed by five applicants: Southern California Edison (SCE), San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E), Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), LS Power Grid California (LSPGC), and Horizon West Transmission (HWT).

Table 1. List of Pilot Projects Included in Dashboard

Project Name	Applicant	Application	Permit Type	Filed Under
Gorman-Kern River TLRR	SCE	A.22-02-014	PTC	GO 131-D
Manning 500/230 kV Substation	LSPGC	A.24-06-017	CPCN	GO 131-D
Plainfield Substation Upgrade	PG&E	A.24-06-008	PTC	GO 131-D
Power the South Bay	LSPGC	A.24-05-014	CPCN	GO 131-D
North of SONGS-Serrano 500 kV	SCE	TBD	CPCN	GO 131-E
Suncrest 230 kV Loop-in	SDG&E	TBD	PTC	GO 131-E
Timepiece 115/33 kV Substation	SCE	TBD	PTC	GO 131-E
Ironwood Transmission Line	HWT	A.25-09-008	CPCN	GO 131-E

Next Steps

The CPUC is required to report on the results of the pilot program by compliance filing every other year. Over the course of 2026, CPUC staff will track and analyze performance metrics for the selected pilot projects, culminating in a report due December 1, 2026. In addition to the report, CPUC staff will periodically update the dashboard to maintain a high-level public preview of the data.

More Information

- [GO 131-E Pilot Program](#)
- [Decision Adopting GO 131-E](#) (D.25-01-055, January 30, 2025)
- [GO 131-D Update Rulemaking](#) (R.23-05-018)
- [Transmission CEQA](#)