



R.24-09-012 Workshop:

Forecasting Analytics and Facilitating Non-Pipeline Alternatives

September 22, 2025 | 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | In-person and remote

Parties and interested members of the public may attend and participate in person at:

Auditorium
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA

Parties and interested members of the public may attend and participate remotely at:

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WORKSHOP AGENDA

9:30 – 9:45 Welcome and Housekeeping

Commissioner Karen Douglas, **California Public Utilities Commission**
Energy Division Staff

Workshop Segment 1: Gas Demand and Rates: Foundational Forecasting Analytics

Objective: Provide background and updates on gas demand and rate forecasts as preparation for potential interim actions on rates and for long-term gas planning considerations in this proceeding.

9:45 – 10:00 Background on Gas Rate Components, CPUC Energy Division staff

Jean Spencer, **California Public Utilities Commission**

CPUC staff will review how rates and bills are currently set, including transportation and commodity components as well as fixed and per-therm bill aspects.

10:00 – 10:25 Panel: Current Forecasts and Infrastructure Applications, Gas Utilities

Gas IOUs will provide an overview of (a) how they develop and/or use gas demand forecasts, including but not limited to the California Gas Report, the California

Energy Commission's (CEC) Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR), and other forecasts; (b) how they use these forecasts to develop the infrastructure needs and revenue requirements they propose in General Rate Cases and Cost Allocation proceedings; and (c) how these forecasts impact rates. This presentation should include forecasts by sector and how those are used for cost allocation among sectors.

Nate Taylor, **SoCalGas/SDG&E**
Kurtis Kolnowski and Daven Phelan, **PG&E**

10:25 – 10:40 Q&A with Panel Speakers

10:40 – 10:50 Stretch Break

10:50 – 11:30 Forecasting Tool Developments and Applications, CEC

Nicholas Janusch and Anthony Dixon, **CEC**

The CEC will summarize the Additional Achievable Fuel Substitution (AAFS) scenarios prepared as part of CEC's Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) gas demand forecasts. Depending on which assumptions are used for building electrification adoption, these scenarios result in a wide range of possible gas demand futures. CEC staff will discuss the assumptions behind the AAFS scenarios along with the most critical drivers of the differences in forecasted demand among the scenarios. Additionally, CEC staff will present the estimated 2030 impacts for the scenarios, compared to recent history, to understand the pace of building decarbonization needed to meet the 2030 milestones.

CEC staff will then present forecasts showing how different AAFS demand scenarios may impact rates. The presentation includes a summary of potential rate impacts under the assumption that total expenditures remain unchanged by demand. To provide context, staff will outline key assumptions, note areas of ongoing development, and compare results with other CEC forecasts for gas transportation rates.

11:30 – 11:45 Q&A with CEC

11:45 – 12:45 Lunch Break

Workshop Segment 2: Interim Actions: Procedures Facilitating Non-Pipeline Alternatives

Objective: Discuss options for creating greater access to cost-saving non-pipeline alternatives. These discussions may apply to SB 1221 and non-SB 1221 decisionmaking, including Scoping Memo Phase 1, Question 3.¹

12:45 – 1:00 Existing Gas Infrastructure Replacement Procedures and Potential Change Points, Energy Division Staff

Eileen Hlavka, **California Public Utilities Commission**

Staff will discuss key elements of planning and funding gas distribution infrastructure replacement projects, including identification of locations, communication with landowners, cost estimation, and implementation.

1:00 – 1:45 Panel: Policy Options to Facilitate Non-Pipeline Alternatives

Panelists will provide their recommendations regarding procedures for defining and accessing cost-saving non-pipeline alternatives, including processes to initiate gas service-level and gas main-level projects, defining cost savings, and concepts and lessons learned from other states.

Sarah Steinburg, **Advanced Energy United**
Jalal Awan, **TURN**
Kiki Velez, **NRDC**
Matt Vespa, **Sierra Club**

1:45 – 2:00 Q&A with Panel

2:00 – 2:10 Stretch Break

2:10 – 3:15 Panel: Utility Perspectives on Non-Pipeline Alternatives

Panelists will provide their perspectives and experience with pursuing non-pipeline alternatives. SoCalGas has a unique perspective as a large gas-only utility; City of Long Beach has begun pursuing electrification pilot coordination with Southern California Edison as a means to achieve cost savings; and PG&E has lessons learned from its CSU Monterey Bay Zonal Decarbonization application as well as its ongoing Alternative Energy Program and Zonal Equity Electrification Program (ZEEP).

Nate Taylor, **SoCalGas/SDG&E**
Christopher Koontz and Tony Foster, **Long Beach**
Mike Kerans and Rachel Wittman, **PG&E**
Kate Ziemba, **Joint CCAs**

¹ Non-SB 1221 aspects may relate to Scoping Memo Phase 1, question 3: “Should the Commission adopt a new process to facilitate non-pipeline alternatives for some or all distribution pipeline or regulator station repair or replacement projects? If so, what should that process entail and what direction should the Commission give to utilities to enact that process, including how should costs be addressed?”

3:15 – 3:30	Q&A with Panel
3:30 – 4:15	Comments (Open to All)
4:15 – 4:30	Closing Remarks

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Note: It is expected that one or more CPUC Commissioners may attend and participate in the workshop but no formal Commission action will be taken. One or more advisors to the CPUC Commissioners, as well as other decision-makers, may also be in attendance. The agenda will be publicly noticed on the CPUC's Daily Calendar 10 days in advance, so statements made at the workshop will not constitute a reportable *ex parte* contact. This agenda is subject to change. The workshop will be recorded.