## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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## **Esteemed Tribal Leaders:**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) invites your Tribe to participate in a workshop scheduled for April 14, 2021. This public workshop is being hosted in accordance with CPUC Resolution E-5076, which contains recently approved guidelines to implement the CPUC's Tribal Land Transfer Policy (TLTP). The guidelines are intended to provide direction for effectively and efficiently implementing the TLTP. This workshop allows for direct participation by Tribes and hope will foster collaboration and encourage positive policy outcomes.

This virtual meeting will provide an opportunity to learn about consultation timelines; for example, when are Tribes to be informed of would-be dispositions, what is the required noticing process, and when will formal consultation be concluded. We will discuss how and when the CPUC will provide information about the process and procedures for related hearings, so that Tribes will have a meaningful opportunity to participate during all stages of the process.

During the public comment period for the Tribal Land Transfer Policy, we heard from the Tribes their desire for further consultation on several important issues. For example, Tribes desire clarity with respect to how ancestral land and ancestral land common to more than one Tribe will be considered when the utility company plans to sell real property, particularly when multiple claims will need to be resolved during the required consultation process. We encourage you to bring your concerns to this open forum regarding your ancestral lands, and to provide input on how multiple claims should be considered.

We will also discuss how and where land will be listed and noticed by the IOU in your area, the CPUC's role in the process, and other related matters. If there are specific issues you feel should be included in the agenda, please feel free to reach out to me to discuss.

Updated information can be also found on the CPUC's tribal webpage cpuc.ca.gov/tribal/

Tribal Liaisons from each of the IOUs will be in attendance, as well as representatives from the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC). We encourage you to engage in those conversations as well.

Please let me know if we can assist further. <a href="mailto:Kenneth.Holbrook@cpuc.ca.gov">Kenneth.Holbrook@cpuc.ca.gov</a> Respectfully,

Kenneth Holbrook, Tribal Advisor