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# Utilities to Give Public Briefings on Readiness for 2021 Public Safety Power Shutoffs

n response to a directive by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the state's investor-owned utilities will provide public briefings on their readiness for Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events in 2021.

The CPUC has taken a number of actions to hold utilities accountable for safely implementing PSPS events, which electric utilities are to utilize as a tool of last resort to mitigate the risk of wildfire. At the briefings, the CPUC will be joined on the virtual dais by leaders from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the California Department of Fire and Forestry Protection (CAL FIRE).

At the briefings, the utilities will provide information about all aspects of their preparation for PSPS events and answer questions from the CPUC, Cal OES, and CALFIRE. There will also be opportunity for public comment. The briefings, available via remote access, will take place as follows:

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021 2 - 5 P.M.

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021 9 A.M. - NOON

Southern California Edison (SCE)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021 1 - 4 P.M.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021 9 A.M.- NOON

Small Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities (Bear Valley Electric Service, Liberty Utilities, and PacifiCorp)

Each briefing is available via webcast or phone, as follows:

Live webcast with English or Spanish captions:

www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc

**Phone:** 800-857-1917 passcode: 7218384#

Participants who choose to participate via webcast only will have audio and video, but will not be able to make verbal comment. If you would like to make comments during the meeting, please use the phone option.

The CPUC oversees the utilities' execution of PSPS events and has been driving improvements in the following areas as the utilities prepare for 2021 PSPS events: notifications; support to medical baseline/access and functional needs; community resource centers; coordination with tribal communities; and steps to minimize the scope of PSPS events.

If specialized accommodations are needed to attend remotely, such as non-English or sign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at <a href="mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov">public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov</a> or toll free at 866-849-8390 at least three days in advance of the briefings.



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The CPUC's Utility Supplier Diversity Program helps to ensure that a fair proportion of procurement spending by the state's investor-owned utilities is with businesses from historically disadvantaged groups for a more equitable representation in California's competitive and vibrant economy.

The CPUC's Utility Supplier Diversity Program requires certain utilities to develop programs, plans, and targets for increasing procurement from women-, minority-, disabled veteran-, and gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT)-owned businesses (collectively called diverse businesses) in all categories of goods and services. To verify a business's diverse status and to assist utilities in identifying diverse businesses, the Utility Supplier Diversity Program oversees a Supplier Clearinghouse that certifies businesses and maintains a database.

In 2019, the CPUC adopted an Environmental and Social Justice (ESJ) Action Plan to identify ways to address health and safety, consumer protection, and enforcement concerns across all of the sectors the CPUC regulates, which includes energy, telecommunications, water, railroads, and transportation companies. The ESJ Action Plan outlines a comprehensive mission and operating framework with which the CPUC should address ESJ issues, consisting of nine overarching goals and actions to advance each of the goals.

Goal seven of the ESJ Action Plan aims to promote economic and workforce development opportunities in ESJ communities, which are comprised of communities that are underrepresented and predominantly people of color or low-income. For more than 30 years, the Utility Supplier Diversity Program has been promoting and improving economic opportunities for diverse businesses by diversifying utilities' procurement activities. As such, it is one of the CPUC's ideal programs to utilize to extend economic benefits for ESJ communities. The CPUC's Utility Supplier Diversity staff recently <u>analyzed</u> the existing landscape to quantify and understand the utilities' diverse procurement spend in and engagement of ESJ communities by looking at utilities' 2019 diverse businesses data, outreach activities, and business development programs.

The analyses show that participating utilities procured an average of 47.5 percent of their procurement from diverse businesses located in ESJ communities. Specifically, the energy utilities' diverse spend in ESJ communities was 49 percent; telecommunications companies' diverse spend was 41.7 percent; and water utilities' diverse spend was 51.7 percent. Diverse business inclusion creates job opportunities and supports communities, contributing to California's economy.

Based on the Supplier Clearinghouse records, more than 40 percent of the certified diverse businesses in its database have addresses located in ESJ communities. These diverse businesses have an opportunity to participate in utilities' supplier diversity programs and other small business resources.

The staff analysis shows an optimistic baseline to pursue economic opportunities and increase inclusion of ESJ communities in utilities' supplier diversity programs. Moving forward, the CPUC's Utility Supplier Diversity Program will continue to encourage and work with the utilities to develop procurement strategies and metrics to advance economic growth and access to contracting opportunities for ESJ communities.

# THE DOCKET:

# **Proceedings Filed at the CPUC June 2021**

### PROCEEDING NUMBER | FILED DATE | FILER

# A2105001 | 03-MAY-2021 | CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

Application of California-American Water Company (U210W) for Authority to Establish its Authorized Cost of Capital for the Period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=382183806

# A2105017 | 28-MAY-2021 | LIBERTY UTILITIES (CALPECO ELECTRIC)

Application of Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC (U933E) for Authority to Among Other Things, Increase Its Authorized Revenues for Electric Service, Update Its Energy Cost Adjustment Clause Billing Factors, Establish Marginal Costs, Allocate Revenues, And Design Rates, as of January 1, 2022.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387541604

### A2105018 | 28-MAY-2021 | SAN PABLO BAY PIPELINE COMPANY LLC

In the Matter of the Application of San Pablo Bay Pipeline Company LLC (PLC -29) for Authority to Increase Rates for Its Crude Oil Pipeline Services.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387475950

# A2106003 | 01-JUNE-2021 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY | ELECTRIC | RATESETTING |

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) For Approval of Its 2022 ERRA Forecast Proceeding Revenue Requirement

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387701886

### A2106004 | 01-JUNE-2021 | SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902E) for Approval of: (i) Contract Administration, Least-Cost Dispatch and Power Procurement Activities in 2020, (ii) Costs Related to those Activities Recorded to the Energy Resource Recovery Account, Portfolio Allocation Balancing Account, Power Charge Indifference Adjustment Undercollection Balancing Account, Transition Cost Balancing Account, and Local Generating Balancing Account in 2020, and (iii) Costs Recorded in Related Regulatory Accounts.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387561707

### R1812006 | 1-JUNE-21 | CMMR/ RECHTSCHAFFEN/ CPUC

Proposed Decision adopting guidance and a streamlined advice letter process for Electrical Corporations setting near-term priorities for transportation electrification investments and addresses issues of equity as they relate to transportation electrification.

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# **CPUC Unveils New Website to Better Serve Californians**

The CPUC has launched a redesigned website that offers convenient access to essential information about its programs and policies that benefit Californians. The redesigned website features an engaging user experience, improved functionality across desktop and mobile devices, and enhanced navigation and search features to put information at the public's fingertips.

The CPUC's primary goal during the redesign process was to ensure that key features of the new website met the needs of California consumers, practitioners, and others who rely on the site. Specifically, the CPUC focused on making the website easier for consumers to find information and stay up-to-date on key issues and programs and services. In addition to modern design features, the CPUC streamlined the navigation and optimized the search tools based on feedback from focus groups.

The CPUC will continue to refine and update its website on a regular basis, including continued optimization of the website's search functionality.



### A2106001 | 1-JUNE-21 | PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Adoption of Electric Revenue Requirements and Rates Associated with its 2022 Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) and Generation Non-Bypassable Charges Forecast and Greenhouse Gas Forecast Revenue Return and Reconciliation. (U 39 E) The applicant has requested an expedited schedule under Rule 2.9.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=386581649

### A2106005 | 02-JUNE-2021 | PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Contingent Authority to Refinance and/or Extend the Maturity of \$1.5 Billion in Long-Term Debt. (U39M)

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387459806

### A2106006 | 03-JUNE-2021 | VENTURA TRANSIT SYSTEM, INC.

In the matter of the Application of Ventura Transit System, Inc. to expand its passenger stage authority under (PSC-23334) to establish a scheduled route to serve three hotels in the immediate vicinity of the present service, under the existing Zone-of-Rate-Freedom granted in decision D.12-01-023, dated January12, 2012.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387543200

# A2106007 | 04-JUNE-2021 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) to Establish a Memorandum Account to Record Certain Remediation Costs Associated with Decommissioned Pipe for the Catalina Water Utility.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387459807

### A2011004 | 4-JUNE-21 | ALJ/LIANG-UEJIO/ CPUC

Proposed Decision dismissing Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas and Electric Company, and Southwest Gas Company, because it is incomplete and its further consideration would be premature and inefficient.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=386581564

### A1409001 A1508005 | 7-JUNE-21 | ALJ/MILES/CPUC

Proposed Decision approving in part the Petition of Wild Goose Storage, LLC and Lodi Gas Storage, L.L. C. to Modify Decision 16-06-014.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=386755603

### R1910005 | 7-JUNE-21 | ALJ/GLEGOLA/CPUC

Proposed Decision approving California Energy Commission's Interim EPIC investment Plan.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=386639061

### C2106011 | 07-JUNE-2021 | JAMES L DUNCAN

James L. Duncan, Complainant vs. Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART), Defendant. [Charging allegations are violations of law and Commission decisions.]

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=388518994

### R2002008 | 8-JUNE-21 | CMMR/SHIROMA/CPUC

Proposed Decision addressing the California LifeLine Pilot Programs of Boost Mobile, Inc. and iFoster, Inc.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=386755621

### A1007009 A1903002 | 9-JUNE-21 | ALJ/LEE/ LIRAG/ MCKINNEY/CPUC

Proposed Decision adopting settlement agreement to update marginal costs, cost allocation and electric rate design for San Diego Gas & Electric Company, adopting real-time pricing dynamic rate pilot, rejecting schools-only class proposal, and modifying Decision 12-12-004.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387475902

### R1909009 | 9-JUNE-21 | ALJ/RIZZO/CPUC

Proposed Decision adopting a suspension of the capacity reservation component of the standby charge for eligible microgrid distributed technologies.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387561665

### A2004003 | 9-JUNE-21 | ALJ/MCKINNEY/ WATTS-ZAGHA/CPUC

Proposed Decision approving the sale of East Pasadena Water Company utility assets to California-American Water Company, Inc.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387435413

### I1704019 A1804002 | 9-JUNE-21 | ALJ/LARSEN/CPUC

Proposed Decision modifying Decision 20-02-025 to extend the filing of PacifiCorp's coal facility retirement plans and any associated requests for accelerated depreciation.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387459774

### C2106002 | 09-JUNE-2021 | EDMUND ROBERT LOCCISANO

Edmund R. Loccisano, Complainant vs Pacific Bell d/b/a AT&T California (U1001C); SBC Long Distance, LLC d/b/a AT&T Long Distance (U5800C); And Time Warner Cable Information Services (California), LLC (U6874C), Defendants [Charging allegation is for billing error].

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387541567

### A2002009 | 10-JUNE-21 | ALJ/LAU/CPUC

Proposed Decision resolving Phase One of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Energy Resources Recovery Account Compliance Application for the 2019 record year.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387541578

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### R1911009 | 10-JUNE-21 | ALJ/CHIV/NOJAN/ CPUC

Proposed Decision on Track 3B.2 issues: Restructure of the Resource Adequacy Program.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387475932

### A1812009 | 10-JUNE-21 | ALJ/LAU/LIRAG/CPUC

Proposed Decision regarding Petition for Modification of Decision 20-12-005 filed by The Utility Reform Network on March 24, 2021.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387541598

### A2004002 | 10-JUNE-21 | ALJ/KLINE/CPUC

Proposed Decision approving Southern California Edison Company's 2019 Energy Resource Recovery Account entries and related matters.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=387435433

### A2106008 | 10-JUNE-2021 | TIDELINE MARINE GROUP, INC.

Application of Tideline Marine Group, Inc. DBA Tideline Water Taxi to amend VCC-93.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=387459814

### A2106009 | 10-JUNE-2021 | BELCOM CORP.

Application of Belcom Corp for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation Pursuant to the Provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387936401

### A1807024 | 11-JUNE-21 | ALJ/HYMES/CPUC

Proposed Decision addressing Southern California Gas Company and San Diego Gas & Electric Company Petition for Modification of Decision 20-02-045.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387475965

### A2006001 | 11-JUNE-21 | ALJ/WERCINSKI/CPUC

Decision approving San Diego Gas & Electric Company's 2019 Energy Resource Recovery Account-related activities and costs.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387823273

### C2102008 | 14-JUNE-21 | ALJ/NOJAN/CPUC

Presiding Officer's Decision dismissing Complaint of Barco Engineering Inc. vs. Southern California Edison Company for failure to prosecute. Any party to this adjudicatory proceeding may file and serve an Appeal of the Presiding Officer's Decision within 30 days of the date of issuance of this decision. Any Commissioner may request review of the Presiding Officer's Decision by filing and serving a Request for Review within 30 days of the date of issuance. Any party may file and serve a Response to an Appeal or Request for Review

no later than 15 days after the date the Appeal or Request for Review was filed. Replies to Responses are not permitted.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=387834943

### R1706024 | 15-JUNE-21 | CMMR/GUZMAN ACEVES/ CPUC

Proposed Decision Phase II Decision Continuing Suspension of Disconnections for Nonpayment of Water Utility Bills Accumulated During the Statewide Water Disconnection Moratorium and Improving Access to the Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Programs Statewide. <a href="https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=388404594">https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=388404594</a>

# A2106010 | 15-JUNE-2021 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Gas Company (U904G) Regarding Year 27 (2020-2021) of Its Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=388519086

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# **About this publication**

This monthly newsletter is to keep you informed of proposals by the CPUC's Commissioners and Administrative Law Judges, as well as utility applications, and other issues and work of note. We also include a list summarizing the filings at the CPUC in the previous month.

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### C2106012 | 18-JUNE-2021 | KIMBERLY JOLLY

Kimberly Jolly, Complainant vs. Pacific Bell d/b/a AT&T California (U1001C); and AT&T Corporation (U5002C), Defendants. [Charging allegations are failure to provide service and billing error.]

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### C2106013 | 18-JUNE-2021 | ERMINIA JUAREZ

Erminia Juarez, Complainant vs. SFE Energy California, Inc., Defendant. [Charging allegation is billing error.]
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### A2106014 | 18-JUNE-2021 | FIBER UNITY, INC.

Application of Fiber Unity, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Full Facilities-Based and Resold Competitive Local Exchange and Non-Dominant Interexchange Service.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=388397212

### A2106015 | 21-JUNE-2021 | BARR TELL USA LLC

Application of Barr Tell USA LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resale and Limited Facilities-Based Competitive Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunication Services within the State of California.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=388638119

### C2106019 | 21-JUNE-2021 | BRIAN SMITH

Diane G. Smith and Brian A. Smith, Complainants vs.Tramview MHP and Follett USA, Defendants. [Charging allegation is billing error.]
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# A2106016 | 23-JUNE-2021 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

Second Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for Authority to Securitize Certain Costs and Expenses Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 850 et seq.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=389148401

### I2106018 | 24-JUNE-2021 | CPUC

Order Instituting Investigation to Establish a Priority List, for the Fiscal Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, of Existing At-Grade Rail Crossings, of City Streets, County Roads or State Highways, in need of separation, or Existing Grade-Separated Rail Crossings in need of Alterations or Reconstruction in Accordance with Section 2452 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M383/K156/383156696.PDF

### R2106017 | 24-JUNE-2021 | CPUC

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Modernize the Electric Grid for a High Distributed Energy Resources Future.

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M382/K451/382451995.PDF

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M386/ K856/386856808.pdf

# A0311027 | 26-NOV.-2003 (REOPENED WEEK OF JUNE 21) | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (U 338-E) AND SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

Motion to maintain the confidentiality of certain information | In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338-E) for Authority to Lease Certain Optical Fibers to Sprint Communications Company, LP, a Limited partnership organized in the State of Delaware (PUBLIC VERSION).

https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&Doc ID=389237666



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