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California's Digital Revolution

California recently secured \$1.86 billion in federal funding from the [Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment \(BEAD\)](#) program to help close the digital divide in the state. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will administer the program for California.

The funding is part of President Biden's 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and will empower California in its efforts to ensure all residents have access to reliable, affordable high-speed internet. Robert Osborn, the CPUC's Director of Communications, was invited to attend a White House event where the Biden-Harris Administration announced this monumental funding initiative.

"I was proud to represent the CPUC in Washington. This state and federal government collaboration signifies a pivotal moment in the CPUC's quest to close California's Digital Divide and help connect Tribal, rural, and underserved communities," Director Osborn said.

U.S. Senator Alex Padilla (D-Calif.) also held a statewide virtual event regarding the [BEAD funding](#), attended by CPUC President Alice Reynolds, who said, "California is laser-focused on its comprehensive Broadband for All ini-

tiative, and this funding will provide that critical pillar for that effort and will provide tangible benefits throughout the state helping families who've been left behind for too long to access affordable high-speed internet."

To provide local governments and California Native American tribes with funding to jump-start their participation in the BEAD Program, the CPUC developed the Digital Divide Grant

Program, which empowers tribes and local governments to plan, finance, and build broadband networks. The CPUC has approved 101 technical assistance grants in 56 of the state's 58 counties. The grants fund strategic plans, network engineering, and environmental impact reports. The Digital Divide Grant Program is one of many [broadband funding programs](#) overseen by the CPUC to assist communities and stakeholders

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White House event announcing BEAD funding.



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Program Helps Customers Finance Clean Energy Investments to Meet State’s Clean Energy Goals

The CPUC has expanded on-bill financing programs to assist non-residential electricity and natural gas customers in making comprehensive investments to help the state achieve a clean energy future, such as purchasing and installing electric heat pump water heaters and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Current on-bill financing programs provide loans ranging from \$5,000 to \$250,000, and for exceptional projects up to \$4 million depending on the utility, to qualified non-residential customers for energy efficiency upgrades paid through a fixed monthly installment on a customer’s utility bill with no interest, finance charges, or prepayment penalties. The CPUC recently expanded the four existing and successful on-bill financing programs for energy efficiency to include clean energy technologies, such as battery storage, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and solar generation for non-residential utility customers. These technologies and clean energy projects help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote building decarbonization, transportation electrification, resiliency, and distributed energy.

“Opening up on-bill financing to clean energy technologies such as solar and storage for non-residential customers is an important milestone, and launching a Tariff On-Bill Working

Group to develop a new financing mechanism for residential customers will help accelerate California’s transition to a clean energy future,” said Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma, the Commissioner assigned to the Clean Energy Financing Rulemaking.

Added Commissioner Darcie L. Houck, “Our decision to make clean energy financing more inclusive is a critical step toward California’s goal of scaling critical energy efficiency and clean energy upgrades to all 14 million homes, starting with the many households that have long been excluded from traditional financing.” ■



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We typically have opportunities at all levels available: leadership, supervisory, engineers, lawyers, Administrative Law Judges, analysts, specialists, administration, and more. You will join a team of individuals tackling issues related to the regulation of essential services in California. For more information on job opportunities and the CPUC’s hiring process, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/careers or email CPUCRecruiter@cpuc.ca.gov.

#BeYOUatCPUC



CPUC Invites You to Lakeport Voting Meeting

In ongoing actions to engage with communities statewide, we will hold our August 31st Voting Meeting in Lakeport, Calif. The meeting will be held in a hybrid format for the flexibility to attend either in-person or virtually.

WHERE:

In-person: Lake County Board of Supervisors Chambers,
255 N. Forbes St., Lakeport, CA 95453

Virtual webcast: www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc

Phone:

English: 1-800-857-1917, passcode: 9899501#

Spanish: 1-800-857-1917, passcode: 3799627#

WHEN: Thursday, August 31, 2023, 11 a.m.



The Voting Meeting will begin with public comment, and you are encouraged to attend and participate!

The CPUC typically holds Voting Meetings twice a month in San Francisco or Sacramento, and also schedules Voting Meetings periodically in other cities throughout the state to enhance outreach and engagement. The Voting Meeting will begin with public comment, and you are encouraged to attend and participate! ■

THE DOCKET:

Proceedings Filed at the CPUC June 2023

PROCEEDING NUMBER | FILED DATE | FILER

R2301007 | 6/15/2023 | ALJ/SEYBERT/CPUC

Proposed Decision addressing funding for the Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=512707910>

C2301006 | 6/29/2023 | ALJ/ROSAS/CPUC

Presiding Officer's Decision dismissing Complaint.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=512708051>

A2306022 | 6/30/2023 | CRIMSON CALIFORNIA PIPELINE, L.P.

In the Matter of the Application of Crimson California Pipeline, L.P. (PLC-26) for Authority to Increase Rates for its Crude Oil Pipeline Services. (SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA)

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=512909870>

A2306023 | 6/30/2023 | PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval of its Woody Biomass to Renewable Natural Gas Pilot Project (U39G).

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=512707890>

A2306024 | 6/30/2023 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (U904G) Proposing Approval of Woody Biomass Pilot Project.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=512909874>

A2307001 | 7/7/2023 | CALIFORNIA WINE TOURS, INC.

Application of California Wine Tours, Inc. (PSC-9679) to Abandon Scheduled Passenger Stage Corporation Service Between Points in Napa, Sonoma, Vallejo, the San Francisco International Airport, and the Oakland International Airport.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=513349256>

K2306021 | 6/30/2023 | FRONTIER CALIFORNIA INC.

Appeal of Frontier California Inc. (U1002C), Citizens Telecommunications Company of California Inc. (U1024C), Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc. (U1026C), Frontier Communications of America Inc. (U5429C), and Frontier Communications Online and Long-Distance Inc. (U7167C) from Resolution T-17734 Penalty Assessment issued on June 1, 2023 in the amount of \$330,000 issued on June 8, 2023 by the California Public Utilities Commissions Communications Division Staff.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=512707646>

I2306020 | 6/29/2023 | CPUC

Order Instituting Investigation to Establish a Priority List, for the Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026, 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.

[No Link Provided]

(ECP) C2306019 | 6/27/2023 | IVOR FRANK BENCI-WOODWARD

(ECP) Ivor Benci-Woodward, Complainant vs. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E), Defendant. [Charging allegation is unauthorized changes to account.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=512707697>

A2207011 | 7/25/2022 | SIGNALWIRE, INC

Application of SignalWire, Inc. 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&DocID=496284251>

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in developing solutions to the digital divide, including planning and building infrastructure, affordability, and adoption challenges.

In addition to the BEAD funding, the CPUC has allocated unprecedented amounts of funding toward [broadband infra-](#)

[structure and digital equity](#). Governor Gavin Newsom signed historic legislation in 2021 creating a structure to achieve Broadband for All in California that includes a Last Mile Broadband program as well as a Statewide Middle-Mile Network and funds to assist local governments in these efforts. ■

A2010008 | 7/12/2023 | ALJ/MATHEWS/CPUC

Proposed Decision granting Zayo Group, LLC a modification to its existing certificate of public convenience and necessity and granting exemption from California Environmental Quality Act under Public Resource Code Section 21000 et. seq.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=513878953>

C1709023 | 7/12/2023 | ALJ/KLINE/CPUC

Presiding Officer's Decision regarding the Order to Show Cause against Vaya Telecom, Incorporated.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=513889288>

A2307003 | 7/12/2023 | TIDELINE MARINE GROUP, INC.

Application of Tideline Marine Group, Inc. (VCC-93) to Discontinue Scheduled and Unscheduled Service.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=513908771>

(ECP) C2307002 | 7/6/2023 | RONALD DE FUSCO

(ECP) Ronald De Fusco, Complainant vs. Southern California Edison Company (U338E), Defendant. [Charging allegation is billing error.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=513343337>

(ECP) C2307004 | 7/14/2023 | JEFFREY A PRUSSIN

(ECP) Jeffrey A. Prussin, Complainant vs. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E), Defendant. [Charging allegations are billing errors and failure to provide safe and reliable service.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=513797212>

A2106022 | 6/30/2021 | PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E) Proposing Framework for Substation Microgrid Solutions to Mitigate Public Safety Power Shutoffs. (U39 E)

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=513878995>

R1705010 | 5/11/2017 | CPUC

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider Revisions to Electric Rule 20 and Related Matters.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=513977069>

A2208001 | 7/20/2023 | ALJ/O'ROURKE/CPUC

Proposed Decision approving PacifiCorps 2023 Energy Cost Adjustment Clause Rates.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=514586161>

A2210023 ET AL. | 7/21/2023 | ALJ/RAMBO/CPUC

Proposed Decision granting compensation to the Mussey Grade Road Alliance for substantial contribution to Resolutions SPD-1, SPD-2, and SPD-9.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=514900706>

R1807005 | 7/19/2023 | CMMR/HOUCK/ CPUC

Proposed Decision approving 24-month Payment Plans, Arrearage Management Payment Plan Extension, and Medical Baseline Study.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=514687017>

A2307003 | 7/12/2023 | TIDELINE MARINE GROUP, INC.

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<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=513908771>

A2307005 | 7/17/2023 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Gas Company (U 904 G) Regarding Year 29 (2022-2023) of Its Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=514477140>

A2307007 | 7/18/2023 | PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Joint Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U 39 G), Pleasant Creek Gas Storage Holdings, LLC, and eCORP Natural Gas Storage Holdings, LLC for Approval of the Sale of the Pleasant Creek Gas Storage Field Under Public Utilities Code Section 851, Transfer of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, and Designation as an Independent Storage Provider.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=514599766>

A2307008 | 7/19/2023 | CALIFORNIA RESOURCES PRODUCTION CORPORATION

In the Matter of the Application of California Resources Production Corporation for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a Gas Corporation in the State of California.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=514681068>

A2307009 | 7/20/2023 | THE SONOMA COUNTY AIRPORT EXPRESS, INC.

In the Matter of the Application of: THE SONOMA COUNTY AIRPORT EXPRESS, INC. (PSC-1120) to modify Applicant's existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to abandon service between hotels in Sonoma County and wineries located in Santa Rosa, Kenwood and Geyserville.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=514688267>

K2307006 | 7/17/2023 | NEVADA COUNTY FIBER INC.

Appeal of Nevada County Fiber Inc U-7375-C from Citation No. CD-2023-07-060 in the amount of \$3,000 issued 11th July 2023, by the Communications Division Pursuant to T-17601.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=514106638>



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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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