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Closing California's Digital Divide Through Grant Programs

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) administers a suite of [broadband](#) grant programs that support broadband deployment, technical assistance, affordability, adoption, and digital equity.

Recently, the CPUC announced approval of more than \$24.92 million for broadband grants funded by the [California Advanced Services Fund \(CASF\)](#). The projects advance the state's commitment to help bridge the digital divide through connecting Californians with reliable Internet access, as well as the skills, resources, and opportunities to further their digital literacy.

Broadband Adoption Account Grant Program

In September 2022, the CPUC [awarded](#) \$6.1 million in CASF Broadband [Adoption Account](#) grants to fund 75 digital inclusion projects from 20 appli-



cants that will serve 23,638 participants. Broadband Adoption Account grants are awarded to three types of projects: broadband access projects that provide direct public access to computers, call center projects that assist in subscribing to low-cost internet service, and digital literacy projects that provide instruction to the public regarding computer

and internet use. Eligible applicants include local governments, senior centers, schools, public libraries, non-profit organizations, and community-based organizations with programs to increase publicly available or after school broadband access and digital inclusion. These projects will provide participants with the digital skills that are necessary for the individual to participate online and will increase broadband adoption by California residents in low-income, disadvantaged, senior, and other communities facing socioeconomic barriers to broadband adoption.

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CPUC Penalizes PG&E for Zogg Fire

In ongoing efforts to hold utilities accountable for causing catastrophic wildfires, the CPUC [issued](#) a proposed Order imposing corrective actions and \$155.4 million in fines to be paid by the shareholders of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for violations related to the 2020 Zogg Fire.



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On September 27, 2020, a gray pine tree near the town of Igo in Shasta County fell onto a PG&E electric distribution line. The tree's contact with the line started the Zogg Fire, which burned 56,338 acres, caused four fatalities and one injury, and destroyed 204 structures and damaged 27 more. The Safety and Enforcement Division's investigation of the 2020 Zogg Fire uncovered multiple violations of CPUC General Orders. The Administrative Enforcement Orders address these violations through fines and corrective actions.

Under the [Administrative Enforcement Order](#), PG&E has 30 days either to agree to pay the required penalty upon the CPUC's adoption of a Final Order and complete corrective actions within 45 days from issuance of the Final Order, or to request a hearing.

The proposed Administrative Enforcement Order is issued under the CPUC's [Enforcement Policy](#), which was adopted in November 2020 to better serve Californians through expeditious and efficient enforcement actions that can be taken by CPUC staff. ■

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Local Agency Technical Assistance Grant Program

In October 2022, the CPUC awarded more than \$4.82 million in its [first round](#) of [Local Agency Technical Assistance \(LATA\) grants](#) to twelve local governments and \$14 million in its [second round](#) of funding to seven cities and 21 different counties in California. The funds were awarded to communities across the state, from the Sierras to the North Coast and from the Central Valley to urban Los Angeles. The LATA grant program supports tribes and local governments – who are most knowledgeable about the state of broadband in their communities – in their efforts to expand broadband service to unserved Californians. With these funds, local governments will launch complex

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broadband infrastructure planning to improve broadband speeds and access in their communities. The funds are for planning to facilitate high-speed broadband infrastructure projects and the program will distribute at least \$50 million in grants, including a \$5 million set-aside for tribes. It's a key step in California's \$6 billion [Broadband for All](#) investment. The application window remains [open](#) for new applications.

Digital Divide Grant Program

The CPUC is now accepting applications for the [Digital Divide Grant Program](#), which will provide four grants of

up to \$250,000 each. Eligible projects will serve a beneficiary school located in an urban or rural low-income small school district. Beneficiary schools must have a Free and Reduced-Price Meal participation rate of at least 50 percent. Projects may address physical gaps in local broadband networks, affordability, access to personal devices, and digital skills training. Grant recipients must be a non-profit community-based organization with a demonstrated record of work in addressing the digital divide. The application window to [apply](#) will close on January 11, 2023. ■

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Public Forums for Customers of PacifiCorp

Remote public forums have been scheduled to provide an opportunity for customers of PacifiCorp to offer their perspective and input to the CPUC about the company's 2023 rate increase proposal, as follows:

WHEN: November 7, 2022, 1 p.m. AND 6 p.m.

WHERE: Remote access via webcast or phone for both public forums:

- **Live video broadcast** with English or Spanish captions via webcast: www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc

Participants who choose to participate via webcast only will have audio and video capabilities but will not be able to make verbal comments. If you would like to make a comment during the meeting, the phone-in information is below.

For captions, after clicking on the name of the workshop, click the green button below the video for captions. Then select captions by clicking on the white icon next to the word "live" at the bottom of the video.

The forums will also be recorded and archived for future viewing.

- **Phone:** 800-857-1917, passcode: 1767567#

Participants will have audio in English and will be able to make comments. (To make a comment, after entering the passcode, when prompted press *1, unmute your phone, and record your name.)



Customers from PacifiCorp are encouraged to participate in one of the public forums.

These public forums (also formally known as [Public Participation Hearings](#)) will not have in-person attendance. Members of the public can view the public forums via the Internet or listen and make comment by toll-free phone line. Those who would like to make public comment must participate by telephone.

If special accommodations are needed to attend, such as non-English or sign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or toll-free at 866-849-8390 at least three business days in advance of the public forum.

You can also make your voice heard in this proceeding, and read the comments of others, on our online Docket Card [comment section](#).

Each remote public forum will begin with a brief overview of the proceeding, followed by public comments. Public comments will be heard via phone. At least one representative from PacifiCorp will be present throughout the forum to answer service or billing questions.

On May 5, 2022, PacifiCorp submitted its 2023 General Rate Case application ([A.22-05-006](#)) requesting CPUC approval to increase rates 25.7 percent for its electric customers beginning in 2023. According to PacifiCorp, main contributors to the rate increase are

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THE DOCKET:

Proceedings Filed at the CPUC September 2022

PROCEEDING NUMBER | FILED DATE | FILER

A2010012 | 9-SEP-22 | ALJ/LONG/CPUC

Proposed Decision resolving litigated issues for Southern California Edison Company's Phase 2 General Rate Case.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496874221>

R1311005 | 9-SEP-22 | ALJ/FITCH/CPUC

Presiding Officer's Decision Ordering Remedies for Southern California Edison Company's Mismanagement of the 2017-2019 Energy Efficiency Upstream Lighting Program.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496874213>

A2208012 | 30-AUG-22 | SAIL INTERNET, INC.

In the Matter of the Application of Sail Internet, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide full facilities-based and resold competitive local exchange service throughout the service territories of Pacific Bell Telephone Company, Frontier California, Inc., Frontier Communications of the Southwest, Inc., Consolidated Communications of California Company, and Citizens Telecommunications Company of California, Inc. and full facilities-based and resold interexchange services on a statewide basis.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496698044>

A2208013 | 30-AUG-22 | ONE WORLD LINK INC.

Application of One World Link, 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=496696233>

A2209002 | 6-SEP-22 | SUNNOVA COMMUNITY MICROGRIDS CALIFORNIA, LLC

Application of Sunnova Community Microgrids California, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct and Operate Public Utility Microgrids and to Establish Rates for Service.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496696207>

A2209003 | 1-SEP-22 | CALAVERAS TELEPHONE COMPANY

Application of Calaveras Telephone Company (U1004C) Cal-Ore Telephone Co. (U1006C) Ducor Telephone Company (U1007C) Foresthill Telephone Company (U1009C) Kerman Telephone Co. (U1012C) Pinnacles Telephone Co. (U1013C) The Ponderosa Telephone Co. (U1014C) Sierra Telephone Company, Inc. (U1016C) The Siskiyou Telephone Company (U1017C) Volcano Telephone Company (U1019C) for a Determination of Applicants' Cost of Capital for Ratemaking Purposes.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496688649>

A2209004 | 6-SEP-22 | GLOBAL VOIP SERVICES, INC.

Application of Global VoIP Services 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=496695527>

A2209006 | 8-SEP-22 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

Application of Southern California Gas Company (U 904 G), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U 902 G), and Southwest Gas Cor-

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wildfire mitigation and vegetation management costs as well as costs for operating its electric system, administrative costs, depreciation expense, and capital costs. Additionally, PacifiCorp is proposing two new time-of-use rate schedule options and to increase the [California Alternate Rates for Energy](#) (CARE) discount on electric and gas bills for qualifying customers from 20 percent to 25 percent.

For 2023, PacifiCorp is requesting that the CPUC approve a base revenue requirement increase of \$27.9 million, for a total base revenue requirement of \$110.09 million. This is a 34 percent requested increase in base revenue requirement over the 2022 base revenue amount of \$82.13 million. This increase results in a net overall revenue requirement increase of 25.7 percent when commodity costs and other items not

examined during this proceeding are included in the calculation.

The CPUC welcomes remote attendance and comments on PacifiCorp's request at the public forums, as public comments will help the CPUC reach an informed decision. The Administrative Law Judge assigned to the proceeding is scheduled to issue a Proposed Decision in the case for CPUC Commissioner consideration in the next year. ■

poration (U 905 G) to Establish Hydrogen Blending Demonstration Projects.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496875149>

C2209005 | 8-SEP-22 | WALTER SWITZER

(ECP) Walter Switzer, Complainant vs. San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902E), Defendant. [Charging allegation is billing error.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496874214>

K2209001 | 30-AUG-22 | SCRYPT, INC.

Appeal of Scrypt, Inc. (U-1402-C) from Citation No. CD-2022-06-006 in the amount of \$2,000 issued June 22, 2022, by the Communications Division Pursuant to T-17601.

Link Not Provided

A2203014 | 1-SEP-22 | SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Application of Southwest Gas Corporation (U905G) for Authority to Revise its California Gas Tariff to Establish its Move2Zero Program.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496676226>

A2010011 | 14-SEP-22 | ALJ/DOHERTY/CPUC

Proposed Decision adopting settlement on export compensation for certain Pacific Gas and Electric Company Customers.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496924142>

A2101002 | 12-SEP-22 | ALJ/MILES/CPUC

Proposed Decision granting Etheric a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in order to provide full facilities-based and resold competitive local exchange services and resold interexchange services but denying designation as eligible telecommunications carrier.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496924544>

A2103009 | 13-SEP-22 | ALJ/WILSON/CPUC

Proposed Decision granting Starlink Services, LLC a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide full facilities-based and resold competitive local exchange services and full-facilities-based and resold interexchange services, and denying designation as eligible telecommunications carrier.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496923901>

A2202010 | 16-SEP-22 | ALJ/KORPICS/CPUC

Proposed Decision authorizing Pacific Gas and Electric Company sale of the Tule River Hydroelectric Project to Tule Hydro LLC.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496924300>

I1706027 | 16-SEP-22 | CMMR/ALICE REYNOLDS/CPUC

Proposed Decision adopting One-Touch Make-Ready Requirements.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496924301>

A2208014 | 26-AUG-22 | CENTRAL COAST SHUTTLE SERVICES, INC.

In the matter of the Application of Central Coast Shuttle Services, Inc. (PSC13086) for authority to Increase rates between points in Santa Maria, Buellton, Santa Barbara, Ventura, and the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX); and To establish a Zone of Rate of Freedom.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496923907>

A2209010 | 13-SEP-22 | CNS NETWORKS LLC

Application of CNS Networks LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Full Facilities-Based and Resold Competitive Local Exchange and Interexchange Services.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496924038>

C2209007 | 9-SEP-22 | RON REYNOLDS

Ron and Jacqueline Reynolds, Complainants vs. San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902E), Defendant. [Charging allegation is failure to provide electricity service.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496875168>

C2209008 | 12-SEP-22 | EDWIN ROBERTS

Edwin Roberts, Complainant vs. Southern California Gas Company (U904G), Defendant. [Charging allegation is billing error.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496923997>

C2209009 | 14-SEP-22 | JAYME CLAY

Jayme Clay, Complainant vs. Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (U913E), Defendant. [Charging allegation is billing error.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496924033>

I2209011 | 15-SEP-22 | CPUC

Order Instituting Investigation to Address the Potential Loss of Natural Gas Service for a Portion of the Santa Nella Community.

No Link Provided.

A2208003 | 10-AUG-12 | PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval of Zonal Electrification Pilot Project (U39G).

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496451495>

A2202017 | 23-SEP-22 | ALJ/WILSON/CPUC

Proposed Decision Dismissing Application Without Prejudice for Failure to Prosecute.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=497170253>

A2205006 | 22-SEP-22 | ALJ/O'ROURKE/CPUC

Proposed Decision Setting the Effective Date of PacifiCorp D/B/A Pacific Power's 2023 General Rate Case Revenue Requirement and Establishing a General Rate Case Memorandum Account.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=497075257>

A2209012 | 19-SEP-22 | PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E) for Commission Approval Under Public Utilities Code Section 851 to Sell a Portion of the Potrero Property in San Francisco.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=497075233>

A2209013 | 20-SEP-22 | VOLCANO TELEPHONE COMPANY

Application of Volcano Telephone Company (U1019C) For an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Notes in an Amount Not Exceeding \$28,252,000 And Execution of A Related Agreement and Supplemental Security Agreement.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=497015860>

A1201008 | 26-AUG-22 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902E) for Authority to Implement Optional Pilot Program to Increase Customer Access to Solar Generated Electricity.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=496630153>

A2106006 | 26-SEP-22 | ALJ/KELLY/CPUC

Proposed Decision authorizing Ventura Transit System to expand its Passenger Stage Authority.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=497247757>

A2106022 | 29-SEP-22 | ALJ/RIZZO/CPUC

Proposed Decision adopting a framework for Substation Microgrid Resiliency Solutions to Mitigate Public Safety Power Shutoffs for Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=497247724>

A2108004 | 28-SEP-22 | ALJ/O'ROURKE/CPUC

Proposed Decision approving PacifiCorp's 2022 Energy Cost Adjustment Clause Rates.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=497247942>

A2108013 | 30-SEP-22 | ALJ/ZHANG/HECHT/CPUC

Proposed Decision on off-cycle Applications of Southern California Edison Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=497343606>

A2109001 | 29-SEP-22 | ALJ/ATAMTURK/CPUC

Proposed Decision adopting an opt-in tariff to encourage residential electrification.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=497334796>

A2110005 | 27-SEP-22 | ALJ/PARK/CPUC

Proposed Decision approving All-Party Settlement Agreement and Making Additional Findings.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=497247472>

A2110009 | 29-SEP-22 | ALJ/WATTS-ZAGHA/CPUC

Proposed Decision authorizing Bear Valley Electric Services, Inc. to recover costs related to the 2019 winter storm.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=497334795>

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A2111024 | 30-SEP-22 | ALJ/KLINE/CPUC

Proposed Decision authorizing California-American Water Company to enter into the Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Expansion Project, and authorizing the construction of three Company-related facilities and associated ratemaking treatment.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=497343610>

R1212011 | 30-SEP-22 | CMMR/SHIROMA/CPUC

Proposed Decision requiring Transportation Network Companies to submit their Annual Reports for the Years 2014-2019 to the Commission with limited redactions.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=497334003>

R1807003 | 29-SEP-22 | ALJ/LAKHANPAL/ATAMTURK/CPUC

Proposed Decision approving voluntary allocations and modifying market offer process for the sale of excess renewable resources to lower power charge indifference adjustment costs pursuant to Decision 21-05-030.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=497248057>

R2008021 | 30-SEP-22 | CMMR/HOUCK/CPUC

Proposed Decision adopting modifications to California Advanced Services Fund Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=497357963>

P2203015 | 27-SEP-22 | ALJ/KELLY/CPUC

Proposed Decision denying Petition to Repeal and/or Amend Resolution SR-34.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=497248008>

A2209014 | 28-SEP-22 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

Third Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for Authority to Issue Recovery Bonds for Certain Costs and Expenses Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 850 et seq.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=497247959>



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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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