

Rulemaking (R.) 20-07-013: Phase II

Technical Working Group Meeting #4
June 16, 2022

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



California Public
Utilities Commission

AGENDA ITEM	TIME
Introductions, Purpose, and Expected Outcomes	10:00 – 10:15am
Discussion of “Risk Modeling 3”*: Adoption of a Standard Readability Factor to be used for RSE calculations	10:15 – 11:00 am
Break	10:00 – 11:15 am
Identifying Proposals to Address the Scoping Memo Question Regarding Impacts on Environmental Social Justice Communities	11:00 – 11:45 pm
CPUC Close	11:45 am – 12:00 pm

PURPOSE & EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE WORKSHOP

Purpose of Meeting & Expected Outcomes

(1) TWG attendees will decide upon a standard readability factor to be used for RSE calculations, which will support development of the CPUC Staff Proposal in the Rulemaking.

(2) Attendees will identify ways in which to measure investment in ESJ communities and make priorities about risk reduction in those communities more transparent.

Risk Modeling 3

Related Scoping Memo Issues (Risk Modeling 3)

Scoping Memo Issue #4:

Should the Commission consider refining or revising the requirements for the multi-attribute value function (MAVF) contained in the RDF? If so, should this include identifying best practices, minimum requirements (including, potentially, the development of a single risk-attitude function or scaling function),² guiding principles, and/or aspirational characteristics for RAMP filings?

Level 4 Recommendation

Risk Modeling 3:

With input from the parties involved, the CPUC should adopt a standard readability factor to be used for RSE calculations.

Questions and Prompts:

1. Is the Party supportive of the inclusion of a standard readability factor for RSE calculations? Why or why not?
2. What does the Party recommend as a standard readability factor?
3. Other related considerations.

Break

10:50 – 11:00 am

Environmental and Social Justice (ESJ) Impacts

Related Scoping Memo Issues (ESJ Impacts)

Scoping Memo Issue #7:

Should the Commission consider impacts on environmental and social justice communities, including the extent to which action in this proceeding impacts achievement of any of the nine goals of the Commission's Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan?

Proposal from the CPUC Action Plan

The plan would “require IOU's to overlay planned infrastructure mitigations on the CalEnviroScreen map to identify what portions of the mitigations would occur within disadvantaged communities, when geographic locations of proposed mitigations are known. Include the DAC proportion percentage of the mitigation in the RAMP narrative and what risk reduction is estimated for the DAC portion.” (p. 43)

Link to Source: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/news-and-outreach/documents/news-office/key-issues/esj/esj-action-plan-v2jw.pdf>

Level 4 Recommendation

Purpose of Plan:

This proposal is intended to measure investment in ESJ Communities and make priorities about risk reduction priorities more transparent.

Questions and Prompts:

1. What do parties think of this proposal and do parties have other ideas on how to incorporate the Commission's goals?

Commission's Updated Goals

Goal 1:

Consistently integrate equity and access considerations throughout CPUC regulatory activities.

Goal 2:

Increase investment in clean energy resources to benefit ESJ communities, especially to improve local air quality and public health.

Goal 3:

Strive to improve access to high-quality water, communications, and transportation services for ESJ communities.

Commission's Updated Goals

Goal 4:

Increase climate resiliency in ESJ communities.

Goal 5:

Enhance outreach and public participation opportunities for ESJ communities to meaningfully participate in the CPUC's decision-making process and benefit from CPUC programs.

Goal 6:

Enhance enforcement to ensure safety and consumer protection for all, especially for ESJ communities.

Commission's Updated Goals

Goal 7:

Promote high road career paths and economic opportunity for residents of ESJ communities.

Goal 8:

Improve training and staff development related to environmental and social justice issues within the CPUC's jurisdiction.

Goal 9:

Monitor the CPUC's environmental and social justice efforts to evaluate how they are achieving their objectives.

CPUC Close

Extra Slides

Commission's Updated Goals

Goal 1:

CONSISTENTLY INTEGRATE EQUITY AND ACCESS CONSIDERATIONS THROUGHOUT CPUC REGULATORY ACTIVITIES. REVISED OBJECTIVES:

- 1.1 Build Systematic Approaches for ESJ Priorities: Continue building systematic approaches for considering ESJ issues in proceedings and decisions, as well as implementation processes included in advice letters, general orders, and resolutions. Build understanding of critical ESJ concepts and definitions to ensure alignment and deepen impact.
- 1.2 Expand Opportunities for Access: Continue pursuing innovative approaches to broadening access to CPUC activities and decision-making.

Commission's Updated Goals

Goal 2:

INCREASE INVESTMENT IN CLEAN ENERGY RESOURCES TO BENEFIT ESJ COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY TO IMPROVE LOCAL AIR QUALITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH . REVISED OBJECTIVES:

- 2.1 Outreach & Engagement: Broaden and deepen outreach and engagement with ESJ communities early in proceedings and processes related to resilient, clean energy.
- 2.2 Research & Analysis to Understand Impact: Further research and analytical opportunities to understand impacts in ESJ communities.
- 2.3 Move Towards Mutual Eligibility & Maximizing Impact: Better leverage ongoing work by fostering cross-division, cross-Commission, and cross-agency dialogues to move towards mutual eligibility and maximizing impact.
- 2.4 Address Impacts in ESJ Communities: Continue to address ongoing and legacy impacts in ESJ communities in the resilient, clean energy space.
- 2.5 Continue Ongoing Investment: Continue to make prioritized resilient, clean energy investments in ESJ communities.

Commission's Updated Goals

Goal 3:

STRIVE TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY WATER, COMMUNICATIONS, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR ESJ COMMUNITIES. REVISED OBJECTIVES:

- 3.1 Equitable Clean Transportation: Pursue opportunities for ESJ communities to access clean vehicles and services from Transportation Network Companies (TNCs).
- 3.2 Water Customer Resilience: Support ESJ customers and communities with discounted rates for low-income customers and sustainable systems.
- 3.3 Extend Rail Safety to ESJ Communities: Pursue opportunities to bolster safety along rail lines in ESJ communities.
- 3.4 Extend Essential Communications Services to ESJ Communities: Ensure implementation of new investments that offer ESJ communities' access to essential 43 communications services at affordable rates

Commission's Updated Goals

Goal 4:

INCREASE CLIMATE RESILIENCY IN ESJ COMMUNITIES. REVISED OBJECTIVES:

- 4.1 Emphasize Adaptive Capacity: Ensure ESJ communities and considerations around their adaptive capacity is incorporated into relevant programs and activities.

Commission's Updated Goals

Goal 5:

ENHANCE OUTREACH AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ESJ COMMUNITIES TO MEANINGFULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE CPUC'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AND BENEFIT FROM CPUC PROGRAMS. REVISED OBJECTIVES:

- 5.1 Improve Communication with ESJ Lens: Continue to build and improve CPUC communications methods and materials to ensure ESJ audiences can better participate.
- 5.2 Continue to Emphasize Engagement with CBOs: Deepen relationships and network connections with community-based organizations throughout the state.
- 5.3 Build Pathways for Public Participation: Based on lessons learned and areas of improvement, build additional and enhanced pathways to welcome and involve ESJ stakeholders into CPUC processes. 5.4 Enhance Engagement with Particular ESJ Communities: Consider the specific needs of particular populations and work to create targeted engagement opportunities.

Commission's Updated Goals

Goal 6:

ENHANCE ENFORCEMENT TO ENSURE SAFETY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION FOR ALL , ESPECIALLY FOR ESJ COMMUNITIES. REVISED OBJECTIVES:

- 6.1 Protect ESJ Consumers: Track complaints from ESJ communities and protect against fraud and unfair business practices in CPUC-regulated industries.
- 6.2 Conduct Proactive Action & Analysis in Transportation and Utility Enforcement: Utilize existing data and enforcement authority to focus on serving ESJ communities and understanding their needs.
- 6.3 Apply ESJ Lens to CPUC Enforcement Policy: Ensure implementation of Enforcement Policy includes opportunities for ESJ communities to benefit from maximum compliance with CPUC rules and regulations.
- 6.4 Maximize Opportunities within Utility Audits: Incorporate strategies for engaging with ESJ communities and understanding cumulative impact.

Commission's Updated Goals

Goal 7:

PROMOTE HIGH ROAD CAREER PATHS AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS OF ESJ COMMUNITIES. REVISED OBJECTIVES:

- 7.1 Maximize Authority to Promote High Road: Continue implementing MOU with CA Workforce Development Board to develop proceeding record and outreach to nontraditional partners to understand opportunities for CPUC to maximize jurisdiction and authority to promote high road careers.
- 7.2 Educate on High Road Careers: Provide opportunities to educate CPUC staff on high road career paths, best practices, and opportunities to integrate into CPUC programs.
- 7.3 Partner with Utilities and Sister Agencies: Engage sister agencies with authority and expertise on workforce-related issues and regulated utilities in promoting economic opportunity for ESJ communities.

Commission's Updated Goals

Goal 8:

IMPROVE TRAINING AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES WITHIN THE CPUC'S JURISDICTION. REVISED OBJECTIVES:

- 8.1 Bolster Staff Knowledge on ESJ Issues and Resources: Provide ongoing training to new and existing employees on ESJ issues and continue to offer resources and tools to support staff learning.
- 8.2 Support Emerging Priorities and Skill Needs: Work in solidarity with other ESJ-aligned plans and efforts and offer new training opportunities to support shared goals.

Commission's Updated Goals

Goal 9:

MONITOR THE CPUC'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE EFFORTS TO EVALUATE HOW THEY ARE ACHIEVING THEIR OBJECTIVES. REVISED OBJECTIVES:

- 9.1 Establish Consistent Quantitative Metrics: Pursue opportunities to standardize metrics related to ESJ communities in CPUC programs and proceedings.
- 9.2 Promote Meaningful Feedback Loops: Cultivate and deepen avenues to receive feedback from the public and demonstrate resulting impact back to members of the public. 9.3 Establish Accountability Measures: Establish a public mechanism for reporting the CPUC's progress towards achieving goals of the ESJ Action Plan.