

# 2012 Legislative Wrap-up



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# -- LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW --





# Legislative Overview

## PORTFOLIO AT A GLANCE

- ❖ 134 total bills monitored
  - ❖ 89 (66%) failed
    - ❖ Position taken on 27
  - ❖ 45 (34%) sent to the Governor
    - ❖ Position taken on 29
  
- ❖ Position taken on 56 bills total





# Legislative Overview

## POSITION CHANGES

- ❖ 14 initial 'Support' positions
  - ❖ No position changes
- ❖ 14 initial 'Support if Amended' positions
  - ❖ 7 position changes: 7 'Support'
- ❖ 3 initial 'Neutral/None' positions
  - ❖ No position changes
- ❖ 9 initial 'Oppose Unless Amended' positions
  - ❖ 6 position changes: 6 'Neutral'
- ❖ 16 initial 'Oppose' positions
  - ❖ 2 position changes: 2 'Neutral'





# Legislative Overview

## BILL OUTCOMES

- ❖ 21 final 'Support' positions
  - ❖ 5 defeated, 16 passed, 16 signed
- ❖ 18 final 'Neutral' positions
  - ❖ 7 defeated, 11 passed, 10 signed
- ❖ 17 final 'Oppose' positions
  - ❖ 15 defeated, 2 passed, 0 signed





# -- SPONSORED BILLS --





# Sponsored Bills

## Excavation Penalty Authority

### AB 1514 (Lowenthal) – Excavation Penalty Authority

- ❖ Would have given PUC authority to levy penalties against violators
- ❖ Would have established reporting requirements for dig-in incidents
- ❖ Opposed by communications carriers, contractors and district attorneys
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT AS SPONSOR
  - This bill was held on suspense in the Assembly Appropriations Committee





# Sponsored Bills

## IRP Recommendations

### AB 1694 (Fuentes) – Risk-based Assessments

- ❖ Allows PUC to implement risk-based assessments on special timeline
- ❖ Replaces current inspection schedule in mobilehomes and propane facilities
- ❖ Supported by labor, industry and DRA
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT AS SPONSOR
  - Governor Action: Signed

### AB 2559 (Buchanan) – Expedited Pipeline Safety Permitting

- ❖ Expedites permit approval for inspection, remediation and replacement work
- ❖ Applies to ministerial permits only
- ❖ Supported by gas utilities and the Sierra Club
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT AS SPONSOR
  - Governor Action: Signed





# Sponsored Bills

## Consumer Protection

### AB 2118 (Butler) – Household Goods Carriers

- ❖ Raises penalties on unlicensed carriers, prohibit service brokers from exploiting consumers and facilitate the shutdown of illegal operations
- ❖ Allows for e-filing of carrier documentation to the PUC
- ❖ Supported by CMSA and carriers
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT AS SPONSOR
  - Governor Action: Signed

### AB 1665 (Galgiani) – Railroad Crossings

- ❖ Expedites closure of unsafe at-grade crossings
- ❖ Clears up all legal ambiguity regarding PUC jurisdiction
- ❖ Supported by labor and engineering groups
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT AS SPONSOR
  - Governor Action: Signed





# Sponsored Bills

## Energy Crisis Settlements

### SB 1533 (Padilla) – Energy Crisis Settlements

- ❖ Allows the Attorney General to continue to sign energy crisis litigation settlements on behalf of the now defunct Electricity Oversight Board
- ❖ Potentially unlocks tens of millions of dollars for ratepayers
- ❖ Sunsets in 2016
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT AS SPONSOR
  - Governor Action: Signed





# -- SAFETY BILL SPOTLIGHT --





# Safety Bill Spotlight

## NTSB Recommendations

### AB 578 (Hill) – NTSB Recommendation Response

- ❖ Requires the PUC to respond to NTSB recommendation letters within 90 days and mandates consideration of whether future recommendations should or should not be implemented
- ❖ Response to Aldyl-A pipe concerns
  - CPUC POSITION: NEUTRAL (Initial: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED)
  - Governor Action: Signed

### AB 1456 (Hill) – Safety Metrics

- ❖ Requires the PUC to develop performance standards for natural gas pipeline safety and reliability based on an analysis of benchmark data and then determine whether to implement a rate incentive program based on those safety performance standards
- ❖ Response to IRP report recommendation
  - CPUC POSITION: NEUTRAL (Initial: OPPOSE)
  - Governor Action: Signed





# Safety Bill Spotlight

## San Bruno

### SB 1350 (Leno) – San Bruno Penalty Monies

- ❖ Would have diverted San Bruno OII penalty monies to PG&E ratepayers instead of to the General Fund
- ❖ Response to San Bruno Investigation
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT
  - This bill was held on suspense in the Senate Appropriations Committee

### AB 478 (Hill) – San Bruno Penalty Monies

- ❖ Would have diverted San Bruno OII penalty monies to PG&E ratepayers instead of to the General Fund
- ❖ Limited specifically to offset new pipeline infrastructure upgrade costs
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT IF AMENDED
  - This bill was held on suspense in the Senate Appropriations Committee





# Safety Bill Spotlight

## Whistleblowers

### AB 1703 (Hill) – Whistleblower Settlement Reporting

- ❖ Would have required IOUs to report to the PUC any employee or contractor civil action settlement exceeding \$50,000
- ❖ Established civil penalties for violations of reporting requirements
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT IF AMENDED
  - This bill failed to pass out of the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee

### AB 1843 (Hill) – Whistleblower Protection Program

- ❖ Would have required the PUC to develop a comprehensive whistleblower protection program
- ❖ Included both utility employees and contractors
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT IF AMENDED
  - This bill was held on suspense in the Assembly Appropriations Committee





# Safety Bill Spotlight

## Service Outages

### **AB 1650 (Portantino) – Emergency Preparedness**

- ❖ Requires the PUC to establish standards for disaster and emergency preparedness plans for electric utilities
- ❖ Response to Southern California wind storm outages
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT (Initial: SUPPORT IF AMENDED)
  - Governor Action: Signed

### **AB 2584 (Bradford) – Outage Evidence Retention**

- ❖ Requires electrical corporations to cooperate with the PUC following an electrical outage, and to catalogue and preserve evidence in an accessible manner
- ❖ Nearly identical to Rule 19 of General Order 95
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT (Initial: SUPPORT IF AMENDED)
  - Governor Action: Signed





# Safety Bill Spotlight

## Charter-party Carriers

### AB 45 (Hill) – Party Buses

- ❖ Extends to all charter-party carrier vehicles the protections against underage drinking of alcoholic beverages that currently apply only to limousines
- ❖ Response to the proliferation of “party bus” services
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT
  - Governor Action: **Signed**

### AB 838 (Hill) – Charter-party Carrier Waybills

- ❖ Allows charter-party carriers to maintain waybills in either electronic or hardcopy format
- ❖ Maintains PUC inspection responsibilities and carrier compliance requirements
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT
  - Governor Action: **Signed**





# Safety Bill Spotlight

## Other Safety

### AB 861 (Hill) – Executive Compensation

- ❖ Requires the PUC to determine the appropriate ratemaking treatment for incentive compensation paid to employees of a public utility
- ❖ Raises certain penalties to adjust for inflation
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT (Initial: SUPPORT IF AMENDED)
  - Governor Action: Signed

### AB 2556 (Allen) – Tree Trimming

- ❖ Would have restricted IOUs from trimming trees in the vicinity of utility infrastructure
- ❖ Response to PG&E tree trimming in Sonoma County
  - CPUC POSITION: NONE
  - This bill was held on suspense in the Assembly Appropriations Committee





# -- ENERGY BILL SPOTLIGHT --





# Energy Bill Spotlight

## Biomethane/RPS

### AB 1900 (Gatto) – Biomethane

- ❖ Promotes in-state production and distribution of biomethane by requiring the PUC to identify landfill gas constituents, develop testing protocols for landfill gas injected into common carrier pipelines, adopt standards for biomethane to ensure pipeline safety and integrity, and adopt rules to ensure open access to the gas pipeline system
- ❖ Response to vinyl chloride restrictions that impede in-state biomethane production
  - CPUC POSITION: NONE
  - Governor Action: **Signed**

### AB 2196 (Chesbro) – RPS Biomethane

- ❖ Aligns the procurement of biomethane with the new portfolio content categories established by 33% RPS (SBx1 2), which are designed to differentiate various types of renewable electricity procurement contracts for compliance with the RPS program
- ❖ Reinstates RPS eligibility for pipeline biomethane going forward, under conditions comparable to other renewable energy sources
  - CPUC POSITION: NEUTRAL (Initial: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED)
  - Governor Action: **Signed**





# Energy Bill Spotlight

## Biomethane/RPS (Continued)

### **SB 1122 (Rubio) – Bioenergy Feed-in Tariff**

- ❖ Requires the PUC to direct electrical corporations to collectively procure at least 250 MW of capacity from developers of bioenergy projects that commence operation on or after June 1, 2013
- ❖ Response to lack of adders for biogas and biomass facilities under Re-MAT
  - CPUC POSITION: NEUTRAL (Initial: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED)
  - Governor Action: Signed

### **AB 2187 (Bradford) – RPS Contracts**

- ❖ Changes the date prior to which executed RPS contracts would “count in full” for the state’s 33% RPS from June 1, 2010 to January 14, 2011 for electric service providers only
- ❖ Response to ESP contract issues
  - CPUC POSITION: NEUTRAL
  - Governor Action: Signed





# Energy Bill Spotlight

## Distributed Generation

### AB 1990 (Fong) – Low-income Feed-in Tariff

- ❖ Would have required the PUC to add an additional 125 MWs to the IOUs' feed-in tariff program, limited to "the state's most impacted and disadvantaged communities" and projects no greater than 500 kW in size
- ❖ OPR would select methodology to use in determining eligible territories
  - CPUC POSITION: OPPOSE
  - This bill failed on the Senate floor

### SB 843 (Wolk) – Community Solar

- ❖ Would have set up a program to allow an IOU retail customer to acquire an interest in a community renewable energy facility and receive bill credits based on the percentage share of the facility's kWh output that is assigned to the customer
- ❖ Facility size limited to 20 MW and program size limited to 2 GW unless authorized by the PUC
  - CPUC POSITION: NEUTRAL (Initial: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED)
  - This bill failed to pass out of the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee





# Energy Bill Spotlight

## Net Energy Metering

### AB 2514 (Bradford) – NEM Assessment

- ❖ Requires the PUC to complete a NEM cost/benefit study
- ❖ Largely duplicative of the study required by D.12-05-036
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT (Initial: SUPPORT IF AMENDED)
  - Governor Action: Signed

### SB 1537 (Kehoe) – Solar Charges

- ❖ Would have prohibited any new surcharges specifically for solar customers through January 1, 2014.
- ❖ Bill's provisions are already covered by the existing language in Public Utilities Code Section 2827 (g)
- ❖ Governor wants issue addressed as part of comprehensive rate reform
  - CPUC POSITION: OPPOSE
  - Governor Action: Vetoed





# Energy Bill Spotlight

## NEM/CSI-Thermal

### **SB 594 (Wolk) – Aggregated NEM**

- ❖ Allows NEM customer-generators with multiple meters to aggregate the electrical load of the meters located on the property where the generation facility is located
- ❖ Includes contiguous parcels divided by roadways
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT
  - Governor Action: **Signed**

### **AB 2249 (Buchanan) – Solar Hot Water Heating**

- ❖ Expands the definition of solar water heating systems to include solar pool heating systems at multifamily, commercial, educational and municipal sites, thereby allowing solar pool heating systems to receive incentives in the California Solar Initiative Thermal Program
- ❖ Continues to preclude single-family residential solar pool heating systems from receiving incentives
  - CPUC POSITION: NONE
  - Governor Action: **Signed**





# Energy Bill Spotlight

## Fuel Cells

### AB 2165 (Hill) – Fuel Cell NEM Cap

- ❖ Increases the generation-only NEM program cap for eligible fuel cell projects from 112.5 MW statewide to 500 MW statewide
- ❖ Authorizes the PUC to review and incrementally raise the fuel cell NEM cap and requires the PUC to authorize an electrical corporation to charge a customer fee based on the cost to the utility associated with providing NEM interconnection inspection services for participating customers
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT (Initial: SUPPORT IF AMENDED)
  - Governor Action: Signed

### AB 2075 (Fong) – Fuel Cell NEM Facilities

- ❖ Would have increased the capacity of fuel cell electrical generating facilities eligible for the fuel cell NEM tariff from 1 MW to 3 MWs
- ❖ Uncertain what the precise grid impact would be without investigation
  - CPUC POSITION: NONE
  - This bill failed to pass out of the Senate Energy Committee





# Energy Bill Spotlight

## EPIC

### AB 2390 (Chesbro) – Biomass Collection

- ❖ Would have earmarked \$20 million annually in EPIC monies CEC-administered incentive program to support the collection of biomass materials generated from forestry management activities
- ❖ Uncertain to what extent woody waste reductions result in IOU insurance premium reductions
  - CPUC POSITION: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED
  - This bill was held on suspense in the Senate Appropriations Committee

### AB 2450 (Hall) – Clean Vehicle Rebates

- ❖ Would have earmarked at least \$15 million annually in EPIC monies to the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project Fund for distribution as rebates to consumers
- ❖ Uncertain to what extent the proposed use would yield electricity ratepayer benefits
  - CPUC POSITION: OPPOSE
  - This bill was held on suspense in the Assembly Appropriations Committee





# Energy Bill Spotlight

## Interconnection

### AB 2341 (Williams) – Grid Investments

- ❖ Would have required the PUC to make decisions in general rate cases and related proceedings that ensure that distribution grid investments are “compatible with” the “optimal deployment” of distributed generation
- ❖ Restricted interconnection issues from being considered in a venue other than general rate cases
  - CPUC POSITION: OPPOSE
  - This bill failed to pass out of the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee

### AB 2590 (Blumenfield) – Interconnection Reports

- ❖ Would have required IOUs to post on their websites any report required by a revision to the PUC’s Electric Rule 21, if that revision is adopted after January 1, 2012
- ❖ Amended to not require disclosure of information proprietary to a developer applying for interconnection
  - CPUC POSITION: OPPOSE
  - Author decided not to move bill





# Energy Bill Spotlight

## Low Income Energy Efficiency

### AB 1124 (Skinner) – Tenant Energy Savings Assistance

- ❖ Requires that Section 1941.1 of the Civil Code not be interpreted to prohibit a tenant or owner from qualifying for energy savings assistance programs for repair or replacement of heating or hot water systems.
- ❖ Removes PUC's ability to reject future funding on the grounds that the Civil Code prohibits such assistance
  - CPUC POSITION: NEUTRAL (Initial: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED)
  - Governor Action: Signed

### SB 1207 (Fuller) – CARE Eligibility

- ❖ Reduces high electricity usage at discounted rates by cracking down on fraudulent CARE program enrollment and compelling participation in the Energy Savings and Assistance Program
- ❖ Largely duplicative of the rules established by D.12-08-044
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT (Initial: SUPPORT IF AMENDED)
  - Governor Action: Signed





# Energy Bill Spotlight

## Energy Efficiency Financing

### **SB 998 (de Leon) – On-bill Repayment**

- ❖ Requires the PUC to require energy utilities with more than 100,000 service connections in the state to develop and implement an on-bill repayment program for eligible energy efficiency, renewable and distributed generation energy investments
- ❖ Allows shutoff for nonpayment of OBR for residential customers
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT IF AMENDED
  - This bill was held on suspense in the Senate Appropriations Committee

### **SB 1130 (de Leon) – Nonresidential Energy Efficiency**

- ❖ Would have provided a financing method for private owners to pay for energy improvements (energy efficiency, renewables and cogeneration) in existing nonresidential buildings
- ❖ Would have imposed significant up-front costs
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT (Initial: SUPPORT IF AMENDED)
  - This bill was held on suspense in the Assembly Appropriations Committee





# Energy Bill Spotlight

## Other Energy

### AB 976 (Hall) – Community Choice Aggregation

- ❖ Would have significantly limited local governments from consulting to establish a Community Choice Aggregation program
- ❖ Existing law already covers conflicts of interest regarding CCA
- ❖ Governor does not support efforts to impede establishment of CCAs
  - CPUC POSITION: OPPOSE
  - Governor Action: **Vetoed**

### AB 1755 (Perea) – Fixed Rates

- ❖ Would have allowed the PUC to implement fixed per-customer charges for residential customers beyond the statutory caps on rate increases for lower tier customers
- ❖ Charges would cover fixed costs associated with providing electricity and provide relief to upper tier customers
  - CPUC POSITION: NONE
  - **This bill failed to pass out of the Senate Appropriations Committee**





# -- TELECOM BILL SPOTLIGHT --





# Telecom Bill Spotlight

## VoIP/CHCF

### **SB 1161 (Padilla) – VoIP Regulation**

- ❖ Will prevent PUC from prospectively regulating VoIP service without legislative authorization except under certain circumstances
- ❖ Leaves CPCN rights and privileges unclear and requiring follow-on PUC action
  - CPUC POSITION: NONE, WITH CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS
  - Governor Action: **Signed**

### **SB 379 (Fuller) – California High Cost Fund A**

- ❖ Allows CHCF-A subsidies to be used to pay carriers for any lost federal universal service high cost support and to subsidize deployment of broadband-capable facilities
- ❖ Response to recent universal service funding decision at the FCC
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT IF AMENDED
  - Governor Action: **Signed**





# Telecom Bill Spotlight

## Other Telecom

### AB 1050 (Ma) – Prepaid Wireless

- ❖ Would have established a prepaid wireless surcharge to be levied at point of sale that would theoretically cover most state and local fees and collections
- ❖ Will be reintroduced next year by a different author
  - CPUC POSITION: OPPOSE
  - Author decided not to move bill

### SB 1160 (Padilla) – Service Disruptions

- ❖ Would have prevented service shut-offs except in extraordinary cases
- ❖ Author and Governor have expressed interest in reconsidering next year
  - CPUC POSITION: NEUTRAL (Initial: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED)
  - Governor Action: **Vetoed**





# -- MISCELLANEOUS BILL SPOTLIGHT --





# Miscellaneous Bill Spotlight

## Water

### AB 1830 (Perez, V.M.) – Mobilehome Water Rates

- ❖ Allows the PUC to grant restitution to mobilehome park residents who have been charged unjust or unreasonable water rates
- ❖ New threshold for a complaint changed to customers representing 10% of water service connections complaining within a 12-month period
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT IF AMENDED
  - Governor Action: Signed

### SB 1364 (Huff) – Water Utilities

- ❖ Clarifies in statute that water corporations with more than 2,000 service connections are subject to the same auditing, notification, reporting and penalty provisions currently imposed on electrical, gas, and telephone corporations
- ❖ Response to rising water rates in Southern California
  - CPUC POSITION: NEUTRAL (Initial: OPPOSE)
  - Governor Action: Signed





# Miscellaneous Bill Spotlight

## Document Disclosure

### AB 1541 (Dickinson) – PUC Public Records

- ❖ Would have made state law mandate document disclosure by default, but included broadly-worded exemptions
- ❖ Response to Draft Resolution I-436
  - CPUC POSITION: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED
  - This bill was held on suspense in the Senate Appropriations Committee

### SB 1000 (Yee) – PUC Public Records

- ❖ Would have facilitated document disclosure subject to the Public Records Act
- ❖ Did not contain adequate assurances that labor negotiation details would be exempted from disclosure
  - CPUC POSITION: SUPPORT
  - This bill failed to pass out of the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee





# Miscellaneous Bill Spotlight

## Commission Governance

### SB 981 (Yee) – PUC Employment Restrictions

- ❖ Would have restricted the PUC from hiring former utility employees and utilities from hiring former PUC employees
- ❖ Strict regulations are already in place to prevent any violation of ethics
  - CPUC POSITION: OPPOSE
  - This bill failed to pass out of the Senate Energy Committee

### SB 1403 (Yee) – PUC Presidency

- ❖ Would have removed all statutory authority of the PUC president
- ❖ Was later amended to address a new topic
  - CPUC POSITION: OPPOSE
  - This bill failed to pass out of the Senate Energy Committee





# Miscellaneous Bill Spotlight

## Other Miscellaneous

### AB 2235 (Hagman) – Inverse Condemnation

- ❖ Would have allowed for homeowner compensation for lost property value associated with the building, expansion, or operation of utility infrastructure
- ❖ Response to Chino Hills situation
  - CPUC POSITION: OPPOSE
  - This bill failed to pass out of the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee

### SB 1165 (Wright) – Intervenor Compensation for Schools

- ❖ Would have allowed school districts and other education agencies of local governments to receive intervenor compensation from the PUC
- ❖ Advocates argued that school energy concerns aren't adequately addressed by the PUC
  - CPUC POSITION: OPPOSE
  - This bill was held on suspense in the Senate Appropriations Committee





# -- 2012-13 BUDGET ACTIONS --





## 2012-13 Budget Actions NEW PERMANENT POSITIONS

- ❖ Global Safety and Enforcement Program
  - ❖ 19 CPSD positions
- ❖ 2011 Chaptered Legislation
  - ❖ 1.5 ALJ positions, 5 CPSD positions, 1 Legal Division position, 2 ED positions, 3 CD positions and 1 DAS position

**32.5 Total Authorized New Permanent Positions**





## 2012-13 Budget Actions TEMPORARY/ELIMINATED POSITIONS

- ❖ State Electricity Regulators Assistance Project
  - ❖ 4 ED positions (ARRA-funded)
- ❖ State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program
  - ❖ 2 CD positions and 2 DAS positions (ARRA-funded)
- ❖ Salary Savings Elimination Drill (BL 12-03)
  - ❖ 33.6 vacant positions eliminated

### 6.9 Net Positions for FY 12/13





# -- INFORMATIONAL HEARINGS --





# Informational Hearings

## SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

- ❖ **Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee Hearings**
  - ❖ October 31, 2011 'Allocation and Administration of ARRA Funding by the CA Energy Commission and Department of Community Services and Development'
  - ❖ December 15, 2011 'Los Angeles Department of Water and Power: Clean Energy Programs and Progress'
  - ❖ March 20, 2012 'Apps, Internet Services, and the 21st Century Global Telecommunications Network'
  - ❖ March 21, 2012 Joint Informational Hearing: 'The Role of Advanced Manufacturing in California's Future Economy'
  - ❖ August 7, 2012 'California Public Utilities Commission Annual Update'
  
- ❖ **Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee Hearings**
  - ❖ October 26, 2011 Joint Informational Hearing: 'Emergency Management'
  - ❖ February 3, 2012 'Investigation of the December 2011 Southern California Windstorm Outage'
  - ❖ March 26, 2012 'CPUC Annual Update'
  - ❖ May 7, 2012 'Summer 2012 Reliability Readiness'
  - ❖ September 27, 2012 Joint Informational Hearing: 'Joint Oversight Hearing on Proposition 39'





# -- OTHER OGA ACTIVITIES--





## Other OGA Activities 2012

- ❖ Convened briefings
  - ❖ NRG
  - ❖ EPIC
  - ❖ SONGS
- ❖ Fielded legislative inquiries
  - ❖ Constituent complaints
  - ❖ Data requests
- ❖ Cooperated with JLAC call for audit of PUC's intervenor compensation program
- ❖ Coordinated with Governor's Office and other agencies





## Other OGA Activities FUTURE

- ❖ Develop programming for new PUC Academy for incoming legislators and staff
- ❖ Improve legislative and fiscal analyses
- ❖ Prepare for likely legislation in upcoming legislative session
  - ❖ Rate reform
  - ❖ Water rates
  - ❖ Community solar
  - ❖ On-bill refinancing
  - ❖ Energy efficiency (if Prop 39 passes)
  - ❖ Other important issues (dig-in penalty enforcement, WISP CASF eligibility, etc.)





# -- UPCOMING TASKS --





# Upcoming Tasks

## Legislative Tasks

### Legislation enacted this session requires the PUC to:

- >> Assess whether or not to adopt all future NTSB recommendations.
  - ❖ Source: AB 578 (Hill)
  - ❖ Deadline: Ongoing
  - ❖ PY Requirement: .5 (Legal Division) and .5 (ALJ Division) ongoing
  
- >> (1) Perform an analysis of benchmark data and adopt safety performance metrics for pipeline safety; (2) evaluate gas corporations' safety performance using the safety performance metrics; and (3) determine whether or not to implement a rate incentive program for gas corporations based on safety performance metrics.
  - ❖ Source: AB 1456 (Hill)
  - ❖ Deadline: None
  - ❖ PY Requirement: 1 (ALJ Division) temporarily and 2 (CPSD) ongoing
  
- >> Share the outcome of the cap and trade implementation proceeding with the Air Resources Board.
  - ❖ Source: AB 1532 (Perez, J.)
  - ❖ Deadline: None
  - ❖ PY Requirement: None
  
- >> Establish standards for utilities' disaster and emergency preparedness plans.
  - ❖ Source: AB 1650 (Portantino)
  - ❖ Deadline: None
  - ❖ PY Requirement: 1 (ALJ Division) temporarily and 1 (CPSD) ongoing





# Upcoming Tasks

## Legislative Tasks (Continued)

- >> Develop a risk-based assessment schedule for mobilehome parks and propane systems.
  - ❖ Source: AB 1694 (Fuentes)
  - ❖ Deadline: None
  - ❖ PY Requirement: None
  
- >> Prepare and make available on the PUC website a written notice in multiple languages informing mobilehome park tenants of their right to complain about water rates to the PUC.
  - ❖ Source: AB 1830 (Perez, V. M.)
  - ❖ Deadline: None
  - ❖ PY Requirement: 1 (DWA) and 1 (CSID) ongoing
  
- >> Identify landfill gas constituents, develop testing protocols for landfill gas injected into common carrier pipelines, adopt standards for biomethane to ensure pipeline safety and integrity, and adopt rules to ensure open access to the gas pipeline system.
  - ❖ Source: AB 1900 (Gatto)
  - ❖ Deadline: December 31, 2013
  - ❖ PY Requirement: 1 (ALJ Division) temporarily and 1 (ED) ongoing
  
- >> Revise rules for household goods carriers to facilitate e-filing of documentation.
  - ❖ Source: AB 2118 (Butler)
  - ❖ Deadline: July 1, 2013
  - ❖ PY Requirement: 1 (CPSD) ongoing





# Upcoming Tasks

## Legislative Tasks (Continued)

- >> Make conforming modifications to the IOUs' NEM tariffs to adjust for new fuel cell NEM cap.
  - ❖ Source: AB 2165 (Hill)
  - ❖ Deadline: None
  - ❖ PY Requirement: 1 (ALJ Division) and 1 (ED) temporarily
  
- >> Modify D.11-12-052 and subsequent RPS compliance decisions to take into consideration new RPS contract statuses.
  - ❖ Source: AB 2187 (Bradford)
  - ❖ Deadline: None
  - ❖ PY Requirement: 1 (ALJ Division) temporarily
  
- >> Modify D.11-12-052 and subsequent RPS compliance decisions to integrate biomethane procurement into the electricity-based RPS program.
  - ❖ Source: AB 2196 (Chesbro)
  - ❖ Deadline: None
  - ❖ PY Requirement: 1 (ALJ Division) temporarily
  
- >> Implement changes made to the CSI-Thermal program and complete a review of whether the rebate levels established by the commission will be sufficient to spur investment to reach the program goal of installing 200,000 solar water heating systems.
  - ❖ Source: AB 2249 (Buchanan)
  - ❖ Deadline: July 1, 2013 (to implement program changes) and February 1, 2014 (to complete the review)
  - ❖ PY Requirement: 1 (ALJ Division) temporarily and 1 (ED) ongoing





# Upcoming Tasks

## Legislative Tasks (Continued)

- >> Coordinate with the CEC to help evaluate and recommend policies and implementation strategies to overcome barriers to the deployment and use of geothermal heat pump and geothermal ground loop technologies.
  - ❖ Source: AB 2339 (Williams)
  - ❖ Deadline: None
  - ❖ PY Requirement: None
  
- >> Complete a NEM cost/benefit study.
  - ❖ Source: AB 2514 (Bradford)
  - ❖ Deadline: October 1, 2013
  - ❖ PY Requirement: None
  
- >> Interpret and adopt all necessary changes to the CHCF-A program through rulemaking and implementation proceedings.
  - ❖ Source: SB 379 (Fuller)
  - ❖ Deadline: None
  - ❖ PY Requirement: 1 (ALJ Division), 1 (Legal Division) and 2 (CD) temporarily
  
- >> Make necessary NEM program rule changes and determine whether allowing eligible customer-generators to aggregate their load from multiple meters will result in an increase in the expected revenue obligations of customers who are not eligible customer-generators.
  - ❖ Source: SB 594 (Wolk)
  - ❖ Deadline: September 30, 2013
  - ❖ PY Requirement: 1 (ALJ Division) temporarily and 1 (ED) ongoing





# Upcoming Tasks

## Legislative Tasks (Continued)

- >> Direct the electrical corporations to collectively procure at least 250 megawatts of cumulative rated generating capacity from developers of bioenergy projects that commence operation on or after June 1, 2013.
  - ❖ Source: SB 1122 (Rubio)
  - ❖ Deadline: June 1, 2013
  - ❖ PY Requirement: 1 (ALJ Division) temporarily and 1 (ED) ongoing
  
- >> Determine how the PUC's various telecommunications activities, particularly public purpose programs, would operate in an environment where some service providers do not hold CPCNs but wish to participate and obtain subsidies.
  - ❖ Source: SB 1161 (Padilla)
  - ❖ Deadline: None
  - ❖ PY Requirement: 1 (ALJ Division), 1 (Legal Division) and 1 (CD) temporarily

**In total, legislation approved this year requires 10.5 new ongoing PYs and 14 new temporary PYs.**





# Thank You

## ❖ Team Effort

- OGA staff
- Liaisons, division staff and advisors
- Legislative partners
- Agency partners





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