Commissioner Peterman will host an all-stakeholder meeting to solicit input on whether or how to develop a comprehensive framework for evaluation of Transportation Electrification (TE) proposals from Investor Owned Utilities (IOU). This meeting will take place on August 24, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission’s Auditorium at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA, 94102.

Stakeholders who wish to speak at the meeting must respond by August 13, 2018, by email to the relevant service lists including R.13-11-007, A.17-06-031 et al, A.18-01-012, and A.18-06-015, and copy Scott Mosbaugh, scott.mosbaugh@cpuc.ca.gov. A detailed agenda and additional meeting specifics will be available in advance.
of the meeting. Other CPUC Commissioners and decision-makers may attend this meeting. For any questions about this meeting, please contact Jennifer Kalafut, Chief of Staff, Office of Commissioner Carla Peterman, at Jennifer.Kalafut@cpuc.ca.gov.

Meeting Context:

In a little more than two years (since January 2016), the Commission has approved $977 million of IOU investment into TE infrastructure and related programs. This investment will facilitate electric vehicle (EV) adoption, catalyze private investment in the EV market and demonstrate the potential roles and best opportunities for utility participation with ratepayer dollars. Moreover, the Commission has pending before it proposals requesting more than $934 million in additional utility investment and we anticipate further proposals pursuant to AB 1082 and AB 1083 before the end of July 2018.

Currently, evaluation of IOU TE proposals is done on a case-by-case basis, using the September 2016 Assigned Commissioner Ruling (in R.13-11-007) as general guidance. While identifying and approving early investments has been essential to continue the growth in the EV market and to make progress towards State greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals, there are several reasons the Commission may need to consider a more comprehensive approach going forward in order to ensure optimal and timely investments. At this juncture, we welcome stakeholder to join an all-stakeholder meeting to discuss how the Commission can enable a TE investment framework that is sustainable and impactful with ratepayer dollars.

Possible issues to consider at the meeting may include the following. (Please see a forthcoming agenda for a refined list of questions for the all-stakeholder meeting.)

1. Would an overall TE investment strategy by the CPUC provide worthwhile benefits to the market, such as more predictability regarding IOU investment and investment from other entities? Why or why not?
2. Would overarching IOU TE targets, goals, prioritization, and budgets improve and expedite proposal review?
3. How might the Commission consider addressing cross-cutting TE issues, including comprehensive TE rate design, consumer education, and vehicle-grid integration?
4. How can the CPUC leverage its observations, lessons learned and overall findings from existing IOU programs to inform a future investment strategy?
5. Are there frameworks employed in other utility investment areas that are possible models for TE?
6. How should the CPUC explore investments and policies undertaken by other government agencies, such as CalTrans, Councils of Governments/Metropolitan Planning Organizations (in federal expenditure plans), the Strategic Growth Council and local governments in their transportation planning, to ensure that public dollars are being fully leveraged and utilized efficiently?

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