

Policy and Governance Committee 2019 Workplan

In 2019, the Policy and Governance Committee will evaluate recommendations to improve accessibility to Commission proceedings, and four topics related to formal Commission proceedings which, if implemented, may require modifications to the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure. Agenda items will be added throughout the year as the work progresses and dates for scheduled topics may change as needed. The Committee looks forward to working with Commission staff and interested stakeholders on these important issues.

Meeting Dates	Efforts to enhance accessibility to CPUC Proceedings	Issues that may require modifications to Rules of Practice and Procedure
1/9/2019	n/a	n/a
2/20/2019	Introduce 2019 priority topics to evaluate for improving accessibility to CPUC proceedings. 1. Staff present Report on PPH Pilot Program. 2. Staff update on online availability of transcripts, supporting documents (e.g., testimony), and public comments.	Scope of Rules evaluation for potential reform in 2019 (in chronological order): Topic 1: Tools to expedite time-sensitive proceedings Topic 2: Rules reforms based on legislation enacted in 2018: Section 1701(b)(1) (eliminating requirement for Commission ratification of assigned Commissioner’s change in initial hearing/no hearing designation), Section 1701.1(g) (permitting written public comments and requiring a reasonable opportunity for parties to respond to public comments), Section 1701.3(h)(6) (quiet time following ratesetting deliberative meeting). Topic 3: Settlements outside a CPUC proceeding that are relevant to the proceeding Topic 4: Treatment of public comment and public participation hearings in decision-making.

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3/27/2019	Presentation on CPUC website project	Topic 1: Tools to expedite time-sensitive proceedings
4/24/2019	[no agenda items planned for this date]	Topic 1/ Tools to expedite time-sensitive proceedings: Follow up as needed.
5/29/2019	[no agenda items planned for this date]	Topic 2: Rules reform based on legislation enacted in 2018.
6/26/2019	Staff present proposed comprehensive communication and outreach plan.	Follow-up on Topic 2/legislation-driven reforms as needed. Initiate discussion of Topic 3: Settlements outside a CPUC proceeding that are relevant to the proceeding
7/10/2019	Staff present proposed workplan to improve remote participation in formal and informal events (e.g., public participation hearings, pre-hearing conferences, workshops).	[no Rules discussion on this date]
7/31/2019		Topic 3/Settlements: Follow-up discussion as needed. Topic 4: Treatment of public comment and public participation hearings: Initiate discussion of PPH standardization (such as PPH presentations by the applicant

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		utility explaining the application), weighting of public comments during decision-making.
8/14/2019	[to be determined]	Topic 4/Public comments and public participation hearings: Follow-up discussion as needed.
9/25/2019	[to be determined]	
10/9/2019	[to be determined]	Follow-up discussion on any topic as needed.
11/6/2019	[to be determined]	Follow-up discussion on any topic as needed.
12/4/2019	[to be determined]	Report on timeline for preparing draft revisions to Rules based on the discussions over the course of the year.
12/18/2019		