

Dear Ms. Mulqueen,

Knowing of our long-time interest in electrical utility safety, Mr. Tony Marino of state Senator Jerry Hill's office passed on to our group, the Utility Project, your emails regarding certain upcoming hearings concerning the current CPUC monitoring/evaluation practices of Energy Utility safety performance.

The Utility Project is a group of private citizens who have been researching, since 1994, the practices of PG&E in the operation and maintenance of the Electrical Grid.

We are electricians, teachers, business executives, retired and current public officials, and others living in the East Bay, North Bay, and San Francisco.

We all are, or have been, community volunteers in areas including civil rights issues, civic improvement projects, and environmental activism. Because we number electricians among our members, our focus was upon the electrical division of the PG&E Energy Grid.

In September of 2014, our findings were compiled as a report, [The Utility Project: Report on the Present Condition of the Electrical Grid and Recommendations for Change](#), and released to various public officials (including Senator Hill) and media outlets.

Our group is appreciative of the ongoing efforts of the CPUC staff to insure public safety, despite the significant challenges posed. To quote from our report:

"The CPUC is charged with providing regulatory oversight of utilities... Given the scope of its responsibilities, the commission is significantly understaffed and underfunded."

The Utility Project Report addresses, in depth, several of the questions raised in your email.

Our Report's response to your Question 1, concerning the possible creation of an organization specifically dedicated to safety issues, was TUP's proposal to empanel an Independent Advisory Panel. ([Please see attachment, Independent Advisory Panel](#), which also includes our recommendations of Panel selection criteria, (Question 4))

One of our chief concerns about the ability of any safety oversight entity to monitor effectively the present condition of the Electrical Grid, let alone supervise upgrades, is the absence of any baseline of current, accurate, verifiable, data by which to evaluate and track energy system corrections or improvements. To address that concern. TUP proposed the creation of an Electrical Grid Component Inventory. ([Please see attachment Inventory](#)).

We will arrange for a copy of our full report to be delivered to your office at the CPUC. If you have questions regarding the Utility Project Report, or our group in general, please feel free to contact us as provided below.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the residents of California.

For the Utility Project,

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