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CPUC Eliminates Last Remaining Utility Subsidies for New Construction of Buildings Using Natural Gas

The CPUC this month eliminated electric line extension subsidies for new construction building projects that use natural gas and/or propane in addition to electricity, advancing the state's goals to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with energy use in buildings, while also furthering the state's goals of reducing overall GHG emissions to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2045 or sooner.

The changes will take effect on July 1, 2024, to give the builder community adequate time to prepare for the change and adjust their operations accordingly. Additionally, all natural gas and/or propane and electricity new construction projects (homes and businesses) must use actual cost billing of an electric line extension rather than estimated cost billing, effective January 1, 2025. To track the progress of the rule changes, and to monitor savings from the elimination of electric line extension subsidies for mixed-fuel new construction, the CPUC established an annual reporting requirement for California's three largest electric investor-owned utilities beginning May 1, 2024.

The decision follows a [prior CPUC decision](#) that made California the first state in the nation to eliminate natural gas line extension subsidies for all newly constructed mixed-fuel buildings beginning on July 1, 2023. With the elimination of electric line extension subsidies for mixed-fuel new construction, the state is further disincentivizing the use of natural gas in new construction by removing all subsidies associated with the extension of new gas infrastructure.

The [decision](#) does not affect all-electric new construction, which will continue to receive electric line extension subsidies. Maintaining electric line extension subsidies for all-electric new construction is important for promoting zero-emission, all-electric designs in the state's building stock. And while the CPUC's decision does not end mixed-fuel new construction entirely, it is anticipated to help California make meaningful progress toward a decarbonized all-electric future. ■



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CPUC Provides Grant Funding For Digital Inclusion

The CPUC, in an ongoing commitment to [Broadband For All](#), has approved grants to help advance broadband access and digital literacy across the state.

The CPUC [approved](#) \$6.7 million in California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Broadband Adoption Account grant funding for 21 digital inclusion grants to the following grantees: California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF); City of Lynwood; City of La Puente; Oakland Tech Exchange; Sacred Heart Community Service; and Sourcewise. In addition, on November 16, 2023, the CPUC approved \$4.9 million for 65 digital inclusion grants to another 20 grantees. Collectively, these projects will provide digital literacy training to 12,454 participants, broadband access to 14,265 participants, and broadband subscriptions to 30,580 participants, and increase broadband access and digital inclusion in low-income,

disadvantaged communities, and other communities facing socioeconomic barriers to broadband adoption.

Highlights from these impactful grants include awards to:

- CETF and community-based organizations for a call center to enroll 20,000 low-income households across California into the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and subscribe them to low-cost broadband internet.
- Shelter Care Resources, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit located in Oxnard, Calif., to provide broadband adoption support services for 150 students and completion of 8 hours or more of digital training for 300 students.

Separately, the CPUC [approved](#) \$441,374 in grants from the CASF Broadband Public Housing Account to provide wireline and wireless infrastructure and free broadband service

to 256 living units of publicly supported housing across the state. On November 16, 2023, the CPUC also approved \$22,035 to EAH Inc., for its Mackey Terrace project. The deployment of broadband infrastructure in public housing for the purpose of offering free internet access for low-income Californians will improve public safety by providing enhanced access to government, e-health, and online education opportunities.

Highlights from these impactful grants include awards to:

- Las Palmas Housing and Development Corporation's Tres Lagos Apartments to deploy multiple distribution frame buildouts and interconnections between several residential buildings using single-mode fiber and cat-6 inside-wiring to each residential unit and to Las Palmas' own 802.11AX wi-fi network for 89 units. This project will serve a low-income multifamily community in Wildomar, Calif.
- EAH Inc.'s Mackey Terrace project will deploy cat-6 cabling to wireless access points throughout the premises. This project will serve 50 units for senior citizens and persons with physical disabilities in Novato, Calif.

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“I am pleased to support these grants for public housing broadband infrastructure projects as well as digital literacy, broadband access, and broadband subscription programs across California,” said Commissioner Darcie L. Houck. “In order to close the digital divide, we must build broadband infrastructure and make sure everyone is able to use it. These grants are one step in accomplishing these goals in a manner that will maximize the impact of our investment.” ■

Happy Holidays!



from the CPUC and our furry family members to you and yours!



California Public Utilities Commission



THE DOCKET:

Proceedings Filed at the CPUC November 2023

PROCEEDING NUMBER | FILED DATE | FILER

A2010018 | 11/9/2023 | ALJ/TOY/CPUC

Proposed Decision on Southern California Edison Company Application to recover costs and increase rates for the Catalina Water Utility.
<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520762520>

A2106022 | 11/9/2023 | ALJ/RIZZO/CPUC

Proposed Decision granting Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (U39E) Petition for Modification of Decision 22-11-009.
<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520763639>

A2205002 ET AL. | 11/6/2023 | ALJ/JUNGREIS/TOY/CPUC

Proposed Decision directing certain Investor-owned Utilities Demand Response Programs, Pilot, and Budgets for the Years 2024-2927.
<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520716774>

A2205006 | 11/9/2023 | ALJ/SISTO/CPUC

Proposed Decision to Test Year 2023 General Rate Case for Pacificorp D/B/A Pacific Power.
<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520752716>

A2205011 | 11/8/2023 | ALJ/MELVIN/CPUC

Proposed Decision granting Ozonetel Communications, INC. a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide Resold Interexchange Services.
<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520772803>

A2205019 | 11/8/2023 | ALJ/TOY/CPUC

Proposed Decision dismissing Application.
<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520758748>

A2301012 | 11/9/2023 | ALJ/MATHEWS/CPUC

Proposed Decision granting request for an All-Services Area Code Overlay in the 559 Numbering Plan Area.
<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520752712>

A2306001 | 11/7/2023 | ALJ/SISTO/CPUC

Proposed Decision on Southern California Edison Company's 2024 Energy Resource Recovery Account Forecast.
<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520762575>

R1212011 | 11/9/2023 | CMMR/SHIROMA/CPUC

Proposed Decision requiring Transportation Network Companies to submit their Annual Reports for the Years 2014-2019 to the Commission with Limited Redactions.
<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520772823>

R1807003 | 11/8/2023 | ALJ/ATAMTURK/CPUC

Proposed Decision on 2023 Renewables Portfolio Standard Procurement Plans.
<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520762597>

R2005003 | 11/9/2023 | ALJ/FITCH/CPUC

Proposed Decision granting Petition for Modification on Modified Cost Allocation Mechanism.
<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520758795>

P2306018 | 11/8/2023 | CMMR/DOUGLAS/CPUC

Proposed Decision denying Petition for Rulemaking.
<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520769059>

A2311002 | 11/2/2023 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for Authority to Proceed Under General Order 69-C with a Site Marketing and Access Agreement and SCEs Assignment of Existing Agreements or, in the Alternative, Approval of the Same Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 851.
<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520705242>

A2311005 | 11/2/2023 | APPLICATION OF LIBERTY UTILITIES (PARK WATER) CORP.

Application of Liberty Utilities (Park Water) Corp. (U 314-W) for Authority to Increase Rates Charged for Water Service by \$7,790,000 or 18.55% in 2025, \$2,163,513 or 4.32% in 2026, and \$2,143,242 or 4.08% in 2027.
<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520752637>

A2311006 | 11/3/2023 | CITY OF PERRIS

Application of the City of Perris to establish a public railroad crossing at E. Ellis Avenue within the County of Riverside in Perris, California.
<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520716795>

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A2311008 | 11/8/2023 | WAVESTREET MANAGED SERVICES, INC.

Application of WaveStreet Managed Services, Inc. for Registration as a Non-Dominant Inter-Exchange Carrier within the State of California.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520769063>

(ECP) C2311007 | 11/7/2023 | ISAAC ADAMS

(ECP) Isaac Adams and Anne Bartoletti, Complainants vs. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E), Defendant. [Charging allegation is failure to provide service.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520709233>

A1610012 | 10/12/2016 | DCR TRANSMISSION, LLC

In the Matter of the Application of DCR Transmission, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Ten West Link Project.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520515910>

A2009018 | 9/30/2020 | PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39M) for Approval Under Public Utilities Code Section 851 to Sell the San Francisco General Office Complex, to Distribute the Gain to Customers, and for Recovery of Associated Costs Related to the Relocation of its Corporate Headquarters to the Lakeside Building in Oakland.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520772816>

C2311009 | 11/6/2023 | JUAN GUTIERREZ

Juan and Jessica Gutierrez, Complainants vs California American Water Company (U210W), Defendant. [Charging allegations are failure to maintain safe equipment and facilities and failure to disclose public safety threat.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520881409>

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<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520515910>

I0011001 | 11/2/2000 | CPUC - PG&E, EDISON, SDG&E, ISO

Order Instituting Investigation into implementation of Assembly Bill 970 regarding the identification of electric transmission and distribution constraints, actions to resolve those constraints, and related matters affecting the reliability of electric su

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520864825>

A2311010 | 11/15/2023 | PINNACLES TELEPHONE CO.

In the Matter of Application of Pinnacles Telephone Co. (U1013C) to Modify Intrastate Revenue Requirement and Rate Design and Adjust Selected Rates.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M520/K913/520913371.PDF>

A2311011 | 11/15/2023 | CALAVERAS TELEPHONE COMPANY

In the Matter of Application of Calaveras Telephone Company (U1004C) to Modify Intrastate Revenue Requirement and Rate Design and Adjust Selected Rates.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M520/K913/520913595.PDF>

A2311012 | 11/17/2023 | CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF CALIFORNIA COMPANY

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Consolidated Communications of California Company (U1015C), Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. (U7261C), and Condor Holdings LLC For Approval of Transfer of Control of Consolidated Communication Enterprise Services, Inc. Pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 854(a).

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M520/K913/520913308.PDF>

A2311013 | 11/20/2023 | AVALON FREIGHT SERVICES LLC

Application of Avalon Freight Services LLC (VCC-91) For Authorization to Modify Rates for Its Scheduled Vessel Common Carrier Freight Service Between the Port of Los Angeles, California on the one hand, and Avalon on Santa Catalina Island on the other hand.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M520/K913/520913983.PDF>

A2311014 | 11/14/2023 | CITY OF MODESTO

Application of the City of Modesto to Construct modifications of an At-Grade railroad crossing located on B street, crossing UPRR's existing main track (MP 113.69), in the City of Modesto, Stanislaus County, California.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520913763>

A2311016 | 11/17/2023 | SIERRA TELEPHONE LONG DISTANCE

Application of Sierra Telephone Long Distance (U5657C) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities-Based and Resold Local Exchange Services.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M521/K133/521133696.PDF>

A2312001 | 12/1/2023 | PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Recovery of Recorded Expenditures Related to Wildfire Mitigation, Catastrophic Events, and Other Recorded Costs. (U39M)

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=521134366>

K2311015 | 11/27/2023 | SILICON VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY AUTHORITY

Appeal of Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority from Citation No. E-4195-0143 issued by the Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=521111014>

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<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520864825>

A1805015 | 5/15/2018 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for Approval of Its Clean Energy Optimization Pilot.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520996523>

A2012011 | 12/21/2020 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

Application For Rehearing of Resolution ALJ-391.[And Request for Oral Argument]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520997829>

R1503011 | 3/26/2015 | CPUC

Order Instituting Rulemaking to consider policy and implementation refinements to the Energy Storage Procurement Framework and Design Program (D.13-10-040, D.14-10-045) and related Action Plan of the California Energy Storage Roadmap.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=520914010>

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