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CPUC Takes Actions to Hold Utilities Accountable for PSPS

PG&E ordered to reduce shut-off impacts on public

With the state's regulated utilities employing more frequent Public Safety Power Shut-offs (PSPS) in the battle against catastrophic wildfires, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has taken immediate action to ensure that utilities only shut off power as a last resort to ensure public safety, that public notification is improved, and disruptions diminished.

At an emergency meeting in San Francisco on Oct. 18, top officials of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) were told in no uncertain terms by CPUC President Marybel Batjer and other Commissioners that they must make immediate improvements in how electric shut-offs are carried out after PG&E admittedly botched communication and outreach in widespread power shutoffs the week of Oct. 7.

On Nov. 13, Commissioners voted to launch a [formal investigation](#) into how the power shut-offs were



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handled. The CPUC is also taking other actions to hold utilities accountable and increase public safety, such as holding a [Nov. 20 hearing](#) with communications company executives.

"The state cannot continue to experience PSPS events on the scope and scale Californians have experienced this month, nor should Californians be subject to the poor execution that PG&E in particular has

exhibited," Batjer said. "Through the actions announced today, as well as other steps under our regulatory purview, the CPUC will demand that utilities prepare for and

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Funding Source Decided for New \$21 Billion Wildfire Insurance Fund

The California Public Utilities Commission voted unanimously on Oct. 24 to move forward to secure funding for the state's new wildfire insurance fund, as called for in Assembly Bill 1054, last year's wildfire-related bill.

As spelled out by the California Legislature, the roughly \$21 billion fund will initially be financed both

by utility shareholders and ratepayers. With the new state insurance fund, when wildfire losses exceed a utility's traditional insurance coverage, the company can gain access to the fund to pay eligible wildfire claims if it has been determined to have acted "prudently" in managing its equipment.

Pacific Gas and Electric Com-

pany (PG&E), the state's largest investor-owned utility, can only participate in the fund if it emerges from bankruptcy by June 30, 2020, with a reorganization plan that meets important legislative requirements, including consistency with the state's climate goals and being "neutral" on average to ratepayers.

The fund is designed to spread

losses more equitably and avoid severe utility credit downgrades that lead to higher borrowing costs and increased customer bills and comes into play only when a regulated utility's equipment ignites a wildfire.

"AB 1054 was enacted this summer as an urgency measure in response to several years of devastating wildfires caused by utility infrastructure," explained Commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen.

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execute PSPS events in a way that greatly reduces impacts on Californians.”

San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) was the first utility to implement preventative shut-offs. Last July, the CPUC further refined PSPS protocols for all three major investor owned utilities (SDG&E, PG&E, and Southern California Edison) with the adoption of [Resolution ESRB-8](#), spelling out steps utilities must take in engaging customers and local communities when using de-energization.

Other CPUC actions will include:

- **Immediate Re-Examination of How Utilities Use PSPS:** To prevent widespread PSPS events by next fire season, the CPUC will reexamine current PSPS protocol and use

of PSPS by investor-owned utilities. This includes an examination of actions utilities can take in the next six months to limit future PSPS impacts by increasing grid redundancy and equipment hardening.

- **Additional Consumer Protection:** The CPUC will ensure that for PSPS events, the utilities do not collect certain charges that are part of every customer’s bill so that customers are not charged for services they do not receive during PSPS events.
- **Expanding Wildfire Mitigation Plans for Immediate Impact:** Batjer will direct utilities to expand their upcoming 2020 Wildfire Mitigation Plans to focus on increasing

safe performance, reducing the need for PSPS events, creating more resilient communities, and providing results before the next wildfire season.

- **Enlisting New Technology Partnerships:** The CPUC will convene a panel of experts to use data modeling and other advanced technologies to identify specific projects that can be implemented in coming months to limit the use and scope of PSPS events next fire season. The team will also analyze the effectiveness of utility mitigation plans and evaluate past PSPS events.

The CPUC also made it clear that de-energization should only be used as a last resort to ensure public safety during extreme conditions and that utilities must im-

prove customer notification and community outreach when considering power shut-offs and notifying the public about when power would be restored.

To hear concerns from the public, the CPUC held several public workshops and opened a proceeding last December on the use of PSPS events by utilities and the impacts. Also, the CPUC, the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, and Cal FIRE, worked to develop standard protocols and procedures for PSPS events that utilities could consistently follow.

In Phase Two of the CPUC’s de-energization proceeding, the CPUC, among other issues, will review the PSPS guidelines adopted in Phase I and accelerate consideration of utility grid investment to improve PSPS.

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“Among other things, this led to severe credit downgrades for utilities, which increases their borrowing costs, which in turn leads to billions of dollars of extra costs for ratepayers,” Rechtschaffen continued.

Although several speakers at the CPUC’s Oct. 24 Voting Meeting in San Francisco spoke out against the fund’s approval, legislators and members of the CPUC said that the growing threat from catastrophic wildfires makes an insurance fund such as this necessary.

“The size of the ratepayer contributions is not insignificant,” Rechtschaffen said. “I think this speaks to the magnitude of the very large-scale risks posed by utility caused wildfires in this state.”

Rechtschaffen added that the Commissioners’ decision found several ratepayer benefits that justified imposing those costs, such as potential savings associated with lower borrowing costs and faster payments in the event of a catastrophic fire.

Utility shareholders and ratepayers will contribute to the fund in roughly equal amounts. This means that in the event of a future catastrophic wildfire where the utility is found to have acted prudently, roughly half of the payments to settle claims will come from shareholder contributions. In



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the absence of the fund, ratepayers would likely be held responsible to fund payment of those claims.

The statute directs the wildfire fund administrator to prioritize the use of shareholder contributions before ratepayer contributions.

The wildfire fund charge does

not go into effect until existing bond charges on ratepayer bills dating back to the electricity crisis of 2001 expire (currently expected to be in late 2020), and the charge will be collected and imposed in the same way that the existing charge is collected.

Other features of AB 1054

In addition to calling for creation of the new insurance fund, AB 1054, signed into law last July, includes several other features that deal with wildfire mitigation, including:

- New wildfire safety standards
- More comprehensive wildfire mitigation plans from regulated electric utilities
- A new Wildfire Safety Division at the CPUC that after two years will be transferred to the state Natural Resources Agency
- A new safety certification process for electric utilities
- Safety culture assessments for all regulated electric utilities
- Tying utility executive compensation to safety performance.

DC Circuit Ruling Allows CPUC to Continue Fight for Net Neutrality

California proponents for “net neutrality” received encouraging news in an October court ruling on the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) 2018 order repealing Obama-era net neutrality rules for Internet access.

A three-judge panel from the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., upheld the FCC’s repeal of rules that sought to protect consumers by ensuring that all Internet traffic is treated equally, without different access speeds or price points. But the judges *also* ruled that the FCC cannot pre-empt states like California from enacting their own net neutrality protections.

That means that a California law enacted last year, but put on hold pending the court’s ruling, still has life, at least for the time being. However, the final status of the law remains in question, as the appeal will continue through the courts and the FCC has the option of again moving to ban states from passing Internet access laws that go beyond federal regulations.

The CPUC participated in the legal challenge against the FCC on net neutrality that stems from the agency reclassifying broadband Internet access service from a “telecommunications service” to an “information service”.

But the CPUC was singled out by the court for the merit of two



A three-judge US Appeals Court panel ruled last month that the FCC was allowed to repeal its existing net neutrality rules, but also that states could set their own protections.

other important legal arguments made by CPUC attorneys Kimberly Lippi and Lisa-Marie Clark which could prove beneficial to the public, not only in California but also in other states.

For starters, the judges agreed with the CPUC’s argument that the

FCC failed to consider the impact of its decision on states being able to regulate broadband equipment attached to utility poles. The appellate ruling also sided with the CPUC regarding the federal Lifeline program that the CPUC administers to help low-income con-

sumers pay for phone service.

The appellate judges called the FCC’s response to concerns raised on pole attachments “at best, scattered and unreasoned,” and ordered the issue back to the FCC for reconsideration.

Regarding Lifeline, the judges’ ruling took exception to the FCC’s position that it would consider impacts on Lifeline in the future “and need not address all problems in one fell swoop.”

The judges called that argument a “non-sequitur,” citing an earlier ruling that said, “An agency’s failure to respond to relevant and significant public comments generally demonstrates that the agency’s decision was not based on the consideration of relevant factors.” This matter was also sent back to the FCC for reconsideration.

On a third legal challenge, the CPUC was joined by Santa Clara County and Attorneys General in 22 states, including California, in arguing that the FCC was “arbitrary and capricious” in not considering the impact of its net neutrality repeal on public safety.

US Supreme Court Upholds CPUC’s Decision Denying SDG&E Cost Recovery for 2007 Fires

The U.S. Supreme Court declined early last month to consider an appeal from San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) about whether the utility could pass on to its ratepayers \$379 million in costs associated with three destructive wildfires a decade earlier, effectively upholding an important CPUC ruling on the matter from 2017.

After a series of wildfires swept through portions of Southern California in October 2007, investigations by Cal FIRE and the CPUC attributed ignition of three of the worst fires — Witch, Guejito, and Rice — to faulty equipment that had not been

maintained properly by SDG&E.

As a result of that finding, the CPUC turned down SDG&E’s application to recoup \$379 million in fire-related losses from ratepayers. The amount represented just a portion of the reported \$2.4 billion in third-party claims, legal fees, and other costs from the fires. But the CPUC, in its closely watched ruling, found that the \$379 million sought by SDG&E should instead be absorbed by the utility’s shareholders.

In making that determination, the CPUC evaluated whether SDG&E’s operation, engineering, and management of its facilities involved in the ignition of the

wildfires was reasonable. Each of the fires was addressed separately under the CPUC’s prudent management standard that requires that the CPUC not allow recovery of unreasonable costs that were the result of imprudent utility management.

For all three fires the CPUC determined that SDG&E’s operation and management of its facilities prior to the ignition of the wildfires was not prudent.

“There is no dispute that SDG&E facilities caused these fires,” Commissioner Liane M. Randolph, lead Commissioner on

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SOMAH Unlocks Solar Benefits for Affordable Housing Residents

California has long been a leader in expanding renewable energy access, pioneering new ways for California communities to benefit from renewable energy technologies and clean energy career opportunities.

California's [Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing \(SOMAH\) program](#), the nation's largest investment in low income residential solar for tenants, is no exception.

The SOMAH program delivers clean power and credits on energy bills to hundreds of thousands of California's affordable housing residents by providing financial incentives for installing solar photovoltaic (PV) energy systems on multifamily affordable housing serving low income and disadvantaged communities throughout the state.

Overseen by the CPUC and funded through greenhouse gas auction proceeds, the SOMAH program serves utility and community choice aggregator customers in the territories of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), Liberty Utilities, and PacifiCorp with an overall target of installing 300 megawatts (MW) of solar generating capacity by 2030.

The program launched on July 1, and within the first day of accepting applications, SOMAH was nearly fully subscribed for the first year. This quick start means SOMAH has already reserved funds for nearly 25 percent of its overall goal of 300 MW of solar installations in the program's first year of operation, having received more than 250 applications representing over 74 MW of solar power generating capacity and \$163 million in reserved funding.

The landmark program uses a unique, community-based approach to ensure long-term, direct economic benefits for low income households and create new career opportunities. SOMAH engages stakeholders and the communities it serves through the advisory council, partnerships with community-based organizations, and quarterly public forums. Additionally, each solar project is required to allocate at least 51 percent of the clean energy produced to tenants in the form of virtual net energy metering cred-



The SOMAH program delivers clean power and energy bill credits to thousands of California residents living in affordable, multifamily housing.

its and provide job training opportunities for community members and tenants. Of the applications received so far, the solar allocation for tenant areas is more than 90 percent.

"We interpret this as the program doing exactly what we planned—converting the energy consumption of a significant number of low income tenants to solar power

and enabling them to benefit from renewable energy and lower utility costs," said Jae Berg, SOMAH program manager.

Hands-on workforce development opportunities are built into every project. Each installation includes paid job training opportunities, and more than 100 trainees have signed up SOMAH's job portal and are ready to install solar.

To date, more than 50 job training organizations across California are engaged in the program and with just a few projects installed to date, SOMAH trainees are already receiving and accepting full-time employment opportunities in California's solar industry.

For more information and to sign up for email updates, visit [CalSOMAH.org](#).

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"Specifically, public safety officials explained at some length how allowing broadband providers to prioritize Internet traffic as they see fit, or to demand payment

for top-rate speed, could imperil the ability of first responders, providers of critical infrastructure, and members of

the public to communicate during a crisis," the court wrote.

The ruling noted that the CPUC warned that the 2018 Order "could 'profoundly impair' the ability of state and local governments 'to provide comprehensive, timely information to the public in a crisis.'"

In considering those and similar arguments, the court said: the FCC disregarded its duty to analyze the impact of the 2018 Order on public safety, rendering its decision "arbitrary and capricious," warranting a remand to a lower court with direction to address the issues raised."

The CPUC was the only party that raised the pole attachment and Lifeline issues, so the Court's action on those questions represents a very specific accomplishment for the CPUC's Legal Division. Had the CPUC not appealed this order, the decision would not have addressed those issues.

**[Repealing net neutrality rules]
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— CPUC warning cited by Court

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the issue, said at the time. "The question we had to analyze was whether the costs related to the fires should be paid by customers or shareholders.

"The CPUC undertook a careful review of the facts of each fire and determined in each case that customers should not have to bear those costs," she continued.

SDG&E appealed the ruling in court, losing each time, before finally taking its case to the U.S. Supreme Court. On Oct. 7, the utility's legal challenges came to an end when the High Court refused to hear the case, effectively upholding the CPUC's original ruling.

The Docket: Proceedings Filed at the CPUC in Oct. 2019

PROCEEDING NUMBER • FILED DATE • FILER

A1910001 • 01-Oct.-2019 • Southern California Edison Co.
Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for approval of its carbon-free surplus energy transaction with Bonneville Power Administration.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=316459782>

A1910003 • 01-Oct.-2019 • PacifiCorp
Application of PacifiCorp (U901E) for approval of its emergency services resiliency programs.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=317101598>

A1812009 • 2-Oct.-19 • ALJ/LAU/ LIRAG/CPUC
Proposed decision setting the effective date of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's 2020 General Rate Case revenue requirement and establishing a general rate case memo account.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=316460091>

A1502001, A1502002, A1502003, A1502013, A1502024, and A1503004 • 4-Oct.-19 • ALJ/TRAN/CPUC

Proposed Decision reopening proceeding to issue guidance to the Small and Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities for the 2021-2026 Energy Savings Assistance Program and California Alternate Rates for Energy Program Budget Application.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=316459797>

R1311006 • 4-Oct.-19 • CMMR/RECHTSCHAFFEN/CPUC
Proposed Decision modifying the Commission's rate case plan for energy utilities.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=316460454>

A1807020, A1807022, A1807023, A1807025 • 4-Oct.-19 • ALJ/GOLDBERG/CPUC

Proposed Decision on the Transportation Electrification Pilots for Schools and Parks pursuant to Assembly Bills 1082 and 1083.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=316882159>

A1910004 • 08-Oct.-2019 • PacifiCorp
In the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp (U901E) for authority to establish a memorandum account for costs associated with pension liabilities.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=316882198>

R1910005 • 10-Oct.-2019 • CPUC
Order instituting rulemaking on the commission's own motion to consider renewal of the Electric Program Investment Charge Program.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?docformat=ALL&docid=313177215>

PROCEEDING NUMBER • FILED DATE • FILER

R1103012 • 11-Oct-19 • ALJ/SEMCKER/CPUC
Decision granting petition for modification of San Diego Gas & Electric Company for the years 2020 and 2021.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=317533551>

11-Oct-19 • ALJ/SEMCKER/CPUC
Decision Granting Petition for Modification of San Diego Gas & Electric Company for the Years 2020 and 2021 only. SDG&E must distribute the residential California Climate Credit in August and September instead of April and October, as originally adopted in D.13-12-003.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=317533551>

A1910007 • 11-Oct.-2019 • Southern California Edison Co.
Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E), a California Corporation, and the County of Los Angeles, a political subdivision of the State of California, for an order authorizing the sale and conveyance of certain electric streetlight facilities pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 851.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=318168774>

A1910006 • 14-Oct.-2019 • Prodigy Children's Shuttle Service, LLC

Application of Prodigy Children's Shuttle Service, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under Section 1031, et seq., of the Public Utilities Code, to operate as an on-call, door-to-door, passenger stage company throughout Elk Grove, on weekdays, exclusively for children and teens and throughout Sacramento County for the general public on weekends; and to establish a "Zone of Rate Freedom."

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=318168976>

A1910011 • 16-Oct.-2019 • San Diego Gas & Electric Company
Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902E) for Approval Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 851 to Transfer Portions of a 138-kV Power Line Easement to DMB San Juan Investment North, LLC.
NO LINK AVAILABLE

A0807017 • 18-Oct-19 • ALJ/MASON/CPUC
Decision dismissing application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company for approval of the SDG&E Solar Energy Project for failure to prosecute.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=318168024>

A1910008 • 18-Oct.-2019 • Sail Internet, Inc.
In the matter of the application of Sail Internet, Inc. for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide full facilities-based and resold competitive local exchange service throughout the service territories of Pacific Bell Telephone

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Company, Frontier California, Inc., Frontier Communications of the Southwest, Inc., Consolidated Communications of California Company, and Citizens Telecommunications Company of California, Inc. and full facilities-based and resold interexchange services on a statewide basis.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=318168033>

R9807037 • 23-July-1998 (reopened week of Oct. 14, 2019) • CPUC

Joint petition for modification of Decision 01-03-073. • Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's proposed policies and programs governing energy efficiency, low-income assistance, renewable energy and research development and demonstration.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=317700456>

R1602007 • 21-Oct-19 • ALJ/FITCH/CPUC

Proposed Decision (Rev. 1) requiring electric system reliability procurement for 2021-2023.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=318169119>

R1105005 • 22-Oct-19 • ALJ/ATAMTURK/CPUC

Decision granting petition for modification of Decision 14-12-081 and the Biomass Tariff Approved in Decision 15-09-004. Opening comments are due November 11, 2019. Reply comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=318168802>

R1311005 • 23-Oct-19 • ALJ/FITCH/CPUC

Proposed decision regarding frameworks for energy efficiency regional energy networks and market transformation. Opening comments are due no later than November 12, 2019. Reply comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing opening comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=318169035>

A1909011 • 11-Sept.-2019 (in need of reassignment, week of Oct. 21) • PropSF, LLC

Application of PropSF, LLC (VCC94) to amend its Vessel Common Carrier Authorization to add unscheduled prearranged service between points in San Francisco, Marin, the Peninsula, and the East Bay, establish rates and a ZORF for unscheduled service, and request a ZORF of 20 percent for both scheduled and unscheduled services.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=312539654>

1 • A1711009 • 17-Nov.-2017 (reopened, week of Oct. 21) • Pacific Gas And Electric Company

Rehearing of Decision 19-09-025: Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39G) proposing cost of service and

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rates for gas transmission and storage services for the period 2019-2021.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=318605375>

A1910015 • 25-Oct.-2019 • San Diego Gas & Electric C. Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902 M) for authorization to: (1) issue debt securities in an aggregate principal amount up to \$2,300 million of debt capital, in addition to previously-authorized amounts; (2) issue roll-over debt securities in an aggregate principal amount up to \$730 million of debt capital, in addition to previously-authorized amounts; (3) include certain features in the debt securities or to enter into certain derivative transactions related to underlying debt in order to improve the terms and conditions of the debt portfolio and with the goal of lowering the cost of money for the benefit of ratepayers; (4) hedge planned issuances of debt securities; and (5) take all other necessary, related actions.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=318943454>

A1811009 • 28-Oct-19 • ALJ/KLINE/CPUC

Presiding officer's decision regarding order to show cause for Southern California Edison Company's failure to comply with Energy Resource Recovery Account trigger mechanism requirements. Any party to this adjudicatory proceeding may file and serve an appeal of the presiding officer's decision within 30 days of the date of issuance of this decision. Any Commissioner may request review of the presiding officer's decision by filing and serving a request for review within 30 days of the date of issuance. Any party may file and serve a Response to an appeal or request for review no later than 15 days after the date the appeal or request for review was filed. Replies to responses are not permitted.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=318612570>

A1910012 • 28-Oct.-2019 • San Diego Gas & Electric Company

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902E) to Extend and Modify the Power Your Drive Pilot Approved by Decision 16-01-045.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=318666263>

A1910014 • 29-Oct.-2019 • Southern California Edison Co.

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) to issue, sell, and deliver one or more series of debt securities and guarantee the obligations of others in respect of the issuance of debt securities, the total aggregate principal amount of such indebtedness and guarantees not to exceed \$7,125,000,000 and to execute and deliver one or more indentures; to sell, lease, assign, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of or encumber utility property.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=318667920>

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A1710016 • 30-Oct.-19 • ALJ/MILES/CPUC

Proposed Decision authorizing the purchase of water utility assets by California-American Water Company. Opening comments are due no later than November 19, 2019. Reply comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing opening comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=318666280>

A1807019 • 31-Oct.-19 • ALJ/MILES/CPUC

Proposed decision granting the application of Gill Ranch Storage, LLC, Northwest Natural Gas Company, NW Natural Energy, LLC, SENA Holdings LLC, Sciens eCORP Storage LLC, eCORP Storage LLC and Sciens Natural Gas Holdings LLC to transfer control of Gill Ranch Storage, LLC from NW Natural Gas Storage to SENA Holdings LLC. Opening comments are due no later than November 20, 2019. Reply comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing opening comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=319061022>

A1812013 • 31-Oct.-19 • ALJ/ZHANG/CPUC

Proposed decision granting joint application of BCM One, Inc., BCM One Group Holdings, Inc. and Thompson Street Capital Partners V, L.P. to transfer ownership and control of BCM One to BCM Holdings and Thompson Street. Opening comments are due no later than November 20, 2019. Reply comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing opening comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=319016308>

A1805017 • 31-Oct.-19 • ALJ/POWELL/CPUC

Proposed decision dismissing the joint application of Mitel Networks Corporation, Mitel Cloud Services, Inc., and MNL TopCo Ltd. to transfer indirect control of Mitel Cloud Services to MNL TopCo Ltd. and assessing penalties. Opening comments are due November 20, 2019. Reply comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=318905278>

R1502012 • 31-Oct.-19 • ALJ/JUNGREIS/CPUC

Decision Allocating the 2020 Revenue Requirement Determination of the California Department of Water Resources. Opening comments are due November 20, 2019. Reply comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=319016307>

A1709005 • 31-Oct.-19 • ALJ/LAU/CPUC

Decision Authorizing a five-year rate plan and a Specialized Energy Efficiency Pilot Program for the San Diego Unified Port District. Opening comments are due November 20, 2019. Reply comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=319061024>

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A1604018, A1605001, A1606003 • 1-Nov.-19 • ALJ/LIANG-UEJIO/ TSEN/CPUC

Proposed decision adopting a settlement agreement resolving the negative indifference amount balance for pre-2009 vintage Direct Access customers in Pacific Gas and Electric Company's services territory. Opening comments, which shall not exceed 15 pages, are due no later than November 21, 2019. Reply comments, which shall not exceed 5 pages, are due 5 days after the last day for filing opening comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=319117122>

R1302008 • 1-Nov.-19 • CMMR/RECHTSCHAFFEN/CPUC

Proposed decision establishing a reservation system for the biomethane incentive program, extending date and addressing rate recovery for pipeline interconnection infrastructure. Opening comments are due no later than November 21, 2019. Reply comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing opening comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=319016317>

A1710007, A1710008 • 06-Oct.-2017 (reopened week of Oct. 27, 2019) • San Diego Gas & Electric Company

Rehearing of Decision 19-09-051: Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902M) for Authority, Among Other Things, to update its electric and gas revenue requirement and base rates effective on January 1, 2019. [Proceedings A17-10-007 and A17-10-008 are consolidated by Ruling of November 8, 2017.]

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=319009918>

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