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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Commissioner Committees Meetings on Finance and Administration, Policy and Governance,
and Emerging Trends

Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 9:30 a.m. *
505 Van Ness Avenue, Auditorium
San Francisco, California

At least one Commissioner will participate from the following location:
300 Capitol Mall, Room 326
Sacramento, California

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Commissioners
Michael Picker, President
Martha Guzman Aceves
Carla J. Peterman
Liane Randolph
Clifford Rechtschaffen

*The Commissioner Committees are listed in a planned sequence, but may occur in any sequence at the discretion of the President of the Commission as necessary. The first Commissioner Committee will commence at 9:30 am. The estimated start time for the Committees is subject to change, but shall not be earlier than 9:30 am. Time for presentations is estimated.

Website: [www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/Commissioner Committee Meetings.htm](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/Commissioner_Committee_Meetings.htm)

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

Committee Commissioner Members: Michael Picker and Martha Guzman

Estimated Start Time: 9:30 am (subject to change)

I. Update on Strategic Planning (Leading Resources Inc.) – 45 minutes

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE AGENDA

Committee Members: Liane Randolph and Clifford Rechtschaffen

Estimated Start Time: 10:15 am (subject to change)

I. Short discussion: Potential topics to address accessibility of CPUC proceedings

Commissioners Randolph and Rechtschaffen propose to consider topics that may improve the accessibility of the CPUC's proceedings. The procedural vehicle for any changes may be the Rules of Practice and Procedure, or other vehicles as appropriate. This discussion is related to, although distinct from the outreach and process changes mandated by Senate Bill 512 (Hill, 2016).

At the 4/25/2018 Policy & Governance meeting, the Commissioners would like to hear from fellow Commissioners, interested persons, and practitioners before the CPUC in order to begin developing a scope for potential additional reforms. A starting list is below, and the Commissioners aim to hold a workshop in summer 2018.

- a. Best practices for receiving and archiving public comment and ensuring that it is meaningfully considered in CPUC proceedings:

The CPUC has numerous opportunities for the public to provide input to a proceeding: public participation hearings, letters and emails to the Public Advisor, online surveys, and social media, among others. The CPUC is also improving its practices for documenting how public comment is considered during deliberation in a given proceeding.

At the same time, the formal processes used in some proceedings, especially general rate cases, remain opaque to the public, and can make meaningful public participation challenging. We are interested in experiences at the CPUC in which comment from members of the public has been taken in and meaningfully considered within a proceeding and what practices may have encouraged this. Is there a state or federal agency with strong practices in this area? In encouraging and incorporating public engagement and comment, should the Commission's

practices be different depending on the categorization as quasi-legislative or ratesetting?

b. Use of sister agency reports and staff expert reports in CPUC proceedings:

Pursuant to Rule 13.9, the use of sister agency reports and staff expert reports in Commission decision-making is subject to the provisions of Evidence Code section 450 et seq. These statutes generally allow a court to judicially notice and rely on the truth of statements of fact, provided that these facts are not reasonably subject to dispute. The P&G Committee is interested in exploring whether the current rules should be modified in the context of sister agency reports or staff expert reports that address matters of direct relevance to issues in CPUC proceedings.

“Sister agency reports” means reports that are voted on by the boards of an agency like the Energy Commission, State Water Board, or Air Resources Board. “Staff expert reports” mean work products developed by staff of the CPUC or another state agency, whether or not formally adopted by the agency.

c. Default categorization as ratesetting:

Rule 7.1(e)(2) sets ratesetting as the default categorization when there is no clear fit. The rule is rarely used today. Is any default categorization still necessary?

EMERGING TRENDS AGENDA

Committee Members: Carla J. Peterman and Michael Picker

Estimated Start Time: 11:15 am (subject to change)

I. Update on Distributed Energy Resources Action Plan

II. Update on Energy Upgrade California campaign

Handouts/supplemental materials will be accessible on above link when available. Time for presentations estimated.

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