



Workshop Agenda

Subject: Phase II of the Rule 20 Program

Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

California Public Utilities Commission WebEx

For Attendees:

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- Participant Code: 2485 839 5545
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Registration:

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Background:

The Electric Rule 20 Undergrounding Program allows communities to underground overhead transmission lines and facilities of California's Investor-Owned Utilities. On May 11, 2017, the Commission opened Rulemaking 17-05-010 to consider revisions to Electric Rule 20. In Phase 1, the Commission issued Decision 21-06-013, which revised Electric Rule 20 as follows: (a) discontinued new work credit allocations for Electric Rule 20A projects, (b) clarified Electric Rule 20A project eligibility criteria and work credit transfer rules, and (c) enhanced program oversight.

Stakeholders were presented with the opportunity to provide input on how the Rule 20 Program may take additional shape via a [scoping memo](#) issued on August 16th, 2022, and help inform the next phase of the Proceeding, known as Phase 2.

The Phase 2 scope of issues includes:

1. Whether to take additional steps to support the completion of active Rule 20A projects in underserved communities and/or disadvantaged communities;
2. Whether to modify or discontinue the Rule 20D program;
3. Whether to add Rule 20A project eligibility criteria for wildfire safety and emergency-related undergrounding or otherwise modify Rule 20A project eligibility criteria;
4. Whether to modify the Rule 20 program to support future projects in underserved, tribal, and/or disadvantaged communities or otherwise advance the goals of the Commission’s Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan;
5. Whether the Commission or utilities should enhance engagement with local governments to inform utility investments in undergrounding for safety, resilience, or emergency-related purposes.

Purpose of the Workshop:

The goal of the workshop is to educate and allow public participation on possible changes to the Rule 20 program scoped in Phase 2 of this rulemaking, while giving a platform to party perspectives on said changes.

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| I. Opening Comments | 9:00–9:15 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present workshop logistics, ground rules, and purpose of the workshop. <i>(Energy Division staff)</i> • Deliver opening remarks. <i>(President Reynolds)</i> • Introduce key participants. <i>(Investor-Owned Utilities, The Utility Reform Network, Public Advocates Office (Cal Advocates), & Rural Counties Representatives of California)</i> | |
| II. Rule 20 Presentation | 9:15–9:35 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present overview of Rule 20 and the Phase 2 scope of issues. <i>(Energy Division staff)</i> | |
| III. Stakeholder Presentations- Wildfire Undergrounding and Local Engagement | 9:40-10:30 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOUs to individually present on separate undergrounding efforts and local engagement to inform undergrounding. <i>(San Diego Gas & Electric, Pacific Gas and Electric, & Southern California Edison staff)</i> • Energy Division to present on wildfire mitigation undergrounding and alternatives: Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings (EPSS) & SB 884. <i>(Energy Division staff)</i> | |
| Break | 10:30–10:45 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question and Answer period 10:30–10:40 | |

IV. Stakeholder Presentations- Equity

10:45–11:35

- Presentation on the possible sunseting of work credit system. (*Public Advocates Office (Cal Advocates) staff*)
- Presentation on expanding eligibility criteria to include wildfire undergrounding. (*Rural Counties Representatives of California staff*)
- Presentation on possible changes for underserved communities, modifying eligibility criteria. (*California State Association of Counties staff*)
- Presentation on possible changes to work credit trading system. (*The Utility Reform Network staff*)
- Question and Answer period **11:35–11:45**

V. Equity Panel

11:50–12:30

- Round-table discussion on equity improvement for Rule 20 (*The Utility Reform Network, Rural Counties Representative of California, California State Association of Counties, & Public Advocates (Cal Advocates) staff. Moderator: California League of Cities staff*)
 - Questions for panelists to consider:
 - What are some solutions to enhancing coordination between local communities and utilities?
 - What changes could be implemented to the Annual Update requirement to increase equity in the Rule 20 Program?
 - How can we increase participation within Tribal communities for the Rule 20 Program?
- Question and Answer period **12:15–12:30**

VI. Questions & Comments from the Public

12:30–12:50

- Receive questions and comments from attendees.