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## New Guidelines Proposed for Public Safety Power Shutoffs



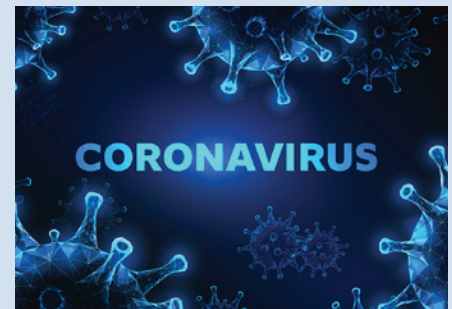
The CPUC has [proposed](#) for public comment new guidelines for electric utilities to follow when they conduct Public Safety Power Shut-off (PSPS) events to reduce the threat of wildfires caused by their equipment.

The proposal, formally called a Proposed Decision, is on the CPUC's May 28, 2020, Voting Meeting agenda. It would supplement and update existing guidelines for PSPS events in advance of the 2020 wildfire season. Among other things, the proposal would require utilities to adopt new measures to effectively communicate PSPS events with impacted communities – before, during, and after – and minimize the duration and impact of any PSPS event, especially on vulnerable populations and critical infrastructure. The proposal also calls for convening quarterly regional working groups to share lessons learned,

refine PSPS protocols with feedback, and provide accountability for refinements.

Additional PSPS guidelines in the proposal intend to enhance existing guidelines to better address some of the issues that arose during the utilities' execution of their 2019 PSPS events. Specifically, the guidelines intend to ensure utilities take the necessary steps to internally prepare to robustly comprehend and address the needs of impacted communities as part of their PSPS planning and execution,

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### Helpful Programs to Assist During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has created a [webpage](#) where consumers can find a list of protections the CPUC and utilities have enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The list covers both investor-owned utilities, which are regulated by the CPUC, and publicly owned utilities.

In addition, several Internet and wireless cell phone companies are offering free or low-cost Internet access options in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit the [CPUC's California Affordable Internet Plans interactive webpage](#) to find out more about affordable Internet plans offered in your zip code.

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calling for sufficient bandwidth capacity for continuous communication during peak demand, community resource center plans in consultation with public health and healthcare providers that comply with public health protocols, and advisory boards to provide hands-on PSPS event advice.

If adopted by the CPUC's Commissioners, the guidelines would go into effect immediately and would require progress reports by the utilities within two months and six months – before and after wildfire season. That requirement is made more critical by the current COVID-19 pandemic and response coinciding with wildfire season.

### **Guidelines to Ensure Utilities Do a Better Job Comprehending and Addressing Needs of Impacted Communities**

#### **The proposal would require utilities to:**

- Establish quarterly regionalized Working Groups and Advisory Boards with local and tribal government, access and functional needs representatives, and public safety partners among others to respectively: ensure utilities hear directly from impacted communities and organizations, incorporate feedback into PSPS protocols, then validate improved usage of PSPS events; and receive hands-on best practices advice on all aspects of PSPS events.
- Work with local communities and government to develop in-language communication and notification plans and ensure the utilities' websites allow the public to have access to precise geographic information on where electric service will be affected by the power shutoffs.
- Provide communications carriers with meter and circuit IDs to be de-energized and re-energized in advance of taking action to ensure communication carriers can deploy resources to minimize the impact of PSPS events on communications infrastructure.
- Identify people, who may be at medical or safety risk in an extended power



- outage, and assistance needed for those currently and potentially on a utility's Medical Baseline rate, which is a special rate for customers who are on life-support equipment or who have life-threatening illnesses, or compromised immune systems.
- Plan and execute table-top PSPS exercises to prepare collaboration in areas with highest historical and forecasted risk of PSPS with participation from the CPUC, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), and representatives of people and communities with access and functional needs.

### **Guidelines to Minimize the Duration and Impact of PSPS Events on Communities**

#### **Utilities would also be required to:**

- Complete a Community Resource Centers plan within 60 days based on local demographic data for meeting a variety of safety needs for people/communities with access and functional needs. Community Resource Centers, at a minimum, provide device charging stations, cellular network services, water, chairs, PSPS information representatives, and restrooms from at least 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. during a PSPS event.

- Restore service after PSPS events as soon as possible and within 24 hours from the termination of a PSPS event.
- Work with local, tribal, federal and state government agencies, and other private and public sector parties to identify critical transportation, communications, and water system infrastructure requiring backup generation and provide it. This is designed to ensure that critical infrastructure is not brought offline during a PSPS event.
- Reinforce electric vehicle (EV) charging stations with backup generation in coordination with EV charging network providers, and communicate their location and accessibility near areas potentially impacted by PSPS events on utilities' websites and mobile apps.

The proposal was made public on April 27, 2020 and follows a May 2019 CPUC [Decision](#) that adopted a first phase of PSPS communication and notification guidelines for electric investor-owned utilities and presented the CPUC's overarching de-energization strategy, along with updates to the requirements established in the previously approved Resolution ESRB-8.

By visiting the [Docket Card](#) for the proceeding, and clicking the "Public Comments" tab, members of the public can submit comments on the proposal.



# CPUC Penalizes PG&E Nearly \$2 Billion for 2017 and 2018 Wildfires

In the largest penalty ever imposed by the CPUC, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) must pay \$1.937 billion for its role in the catastrophic wildfires of 2017 and 2018 under a [Decision](#) approved unanimously on May 7, 2020.

“This Decision brings to an end the CPUC’s enforcement action against PG&E stemming from its action in the 2017 and 2018 Northern California fires – a grim chapter in PG&E’s history that had devastating consequences...over 100 people killed, 25,000 structures destroyed, hundreds of thousands of acres burned and the destruction of an entire community in Paradise,” said Commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen, who was assigned to the proceeding. “The wildfires, as we know, also led PG&E to declare bankruptcy, which is an extraordinarily disruptive process for a company that provides essential utility services to millions of residents. Of course, for the victims of the fires, the damage, the pain, and the trauma is ongoing.”

The Decision approved with modifications a settlement between PG&E, the CPUC’s Safety and Enforcement Division and Office of the Safety Advocate, and the Coalition of California Utility Employees. The Decision increased the penalty amount in the settlement by \$262 million due to the pervasive nature of the identified violations and unprecedented harm caused by PG&E, including loss of life, that resulted from the wildfires.

In addition, any realized tax savings associated with shareholder-funded operating expenses under the modified settlement agreement will be returned to PG&E customers. Although these ratepayer benefits are uncertain, PG&E estimates that these benefits may be \$425.5 million.

The CPUC’s Commissioners give final approval of settlements and may include modifications, however, the settlement process requires agreement to modifications by all the settlement parties. Over the course of this process the CPUC improved the terms of the settlement to

better benefit PG&E ratepayers through an initial proposal on February 27, 2020 from a CPUC Administrative Law Judge, and a subsequent proposal by Commissioner Rechtschaffen issued in April.

## The penalties of \$1.937 billion imposed on PG&E consist of:

- \$1.823 billion in disallowances for wildfire-related expenditures (an increase of \$198 million from the original settlement agreement), meaning that PG&E shareholders will pay the cost of expenditures that it would otherwise seek to recover from customers.
- \$114 million in System Enhancement Initiatives and corrective actions to further protect public safety—this was an increase of \$64 million from the settlement agreement—including:

- » Root cause analysis for wildfires where ignition involved PG&E facilities, and the implementation of recommended actions to prevent similar events;
- » Funding local Fire Safe Councils that focus on community-based wildfire prevention and mitigation efforts; and,
- » Funding to the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers to support the safety and welfare of vulnerable customers before, during, and after disasters and Public Safety Power Shut-off events.

The Decision also imposes a \$200 million fine, with the obligation to pay permanently suspended, in order to ensure that payment of the fine does not reduce the

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# CPUC Report Shows Historic Low Prices for Renewable Energy

Contract prices for renewable energy reached a historic low in 2019, according to the CPUC's latest annual report on the state's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) program.

In its [2020 Padilla Report to the Governor and Legislature](#), named after the former legislator whose bill requires an annual accounting of the RPS program, RPS contract prices reached a historic low of 2.82¢/per kilowatt-hour (kWh) in 2019 for RPS-eligible energy across all technology types. The report also showed that the RPS price dropped an average of 12.7 percent per year between 2007 and 2019.

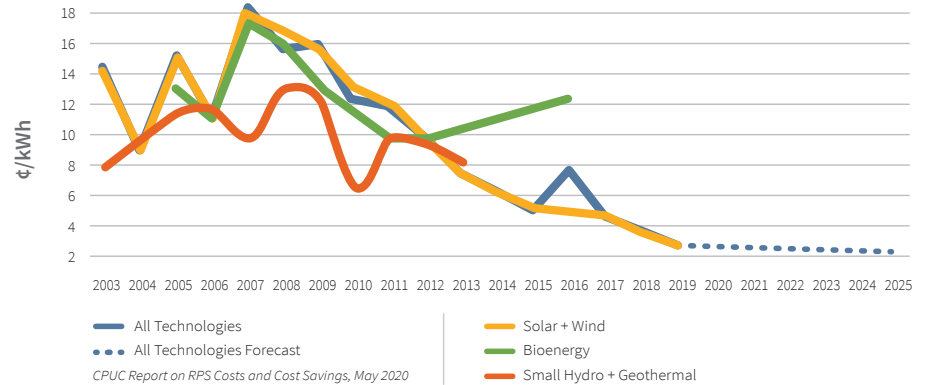
Renewable energy is a cornerstone of California's climate policies, so the lower prices reinforce the argument of state officials who have been saying that waging an effective war on climate change does not have to be prohibitively expensive.

The CPUC also reported that large investor-owned utilities and small and multi-jurisdictional utilities either met or exceeded their RPS procurement of renewable obligations. Community choice aggregators and electric service providers collectively forecast a procurement shortfall that they plan to meet through additional procurement.

**The report prepared by the CPUC's Energy Division found that:**

- Large investor-owned utilities' average procurement expenditure for all RPS contracts online decreased from

**Historical Trend of All Load Serving Entities' RPS Contract Costs by Technology and Year of Execution from 2003–2025 (Real Dollars)**



10.57¢/kWh in 2018 to 10.23¢/kWh in 2019 and total annual RPS procurement expenditures decreased from \$5.6 billion in 2018 to \$5.4 billion in 2019.

- RPS expenditures as a percent of total generation costs are on par with expenditures for non-renewable fuel sources. For example, 44.9 percent of the large investor-owned utilities' total generation was from RPS-eligible resources and expenditures on renewable generation was 42.4 percent of the large investor-owned utilities' total generation costs.
- Community choice aggregators, which are entities local governments can create as an alternative to traditional electric

utilities, increased their procurement of renewables generation by 55 percent to 15,500 gigawatt-hours (GWh) and executed the majority of new RPS contracts in 2019.

The California RPS program requires investor-owned utilities, electric service providers, and community choice aggregators to procure 33 percent of retail sales per year from eligible renewable sources by 2020 and 60 percent by 2030. In 2018, Senate Bill (SB) 100 was signed by then-Governor Brown, setting a target goal of a 100 percent carbon free electric grid by 2045. In June 2019, the CPUC began implementing SB 100, setting the RPS procurement quantity requirement beginning in 2021.





# Boosting Microgrids: A Proposal to Advance Resiliency

In a 2014 policy paper, the CPUC described microgrids this way: “A microgrid can be as simple as a generator [...] or as robust as an entire neighborhood that is outfitted with solar and other technologies capable of producing enough electricity to serve their local needs...”

Now, in response to Senate Bill 1339 (Stern, 2018) and with the wildfire season fast approaching, the CPUC is considering a [proposal](#), formally called a Proposed Decision, that would require large electric investor-owned utilities to accelerate deployment of microgrids and resiliency projects to minimize the impacts of wildfire-caused power outages and Public Safety Power Shut-off (PSPS) events.

The proposal, which is on the CPUC’s June 11, 2020 Voting Meeting agenda, would require utilities to streamline and expedite the interconnection of distributed energy resources, including microgrids and resiliency projects. It also requires enhanced collaboration with local and tribal governments. The proposal is intended to help customers rapidly develop and deploy projects that could keep electricity on for critical facilities and other customers during power outages.

The proposal specifically requires utilities to:

- Further standardize application processes for project approvals;
- Expedite utility sign-off on installed projects;
- Accelerate interconnection of projects for key locations, customers, and facilities;
- Adjust tariffs to better value resiliency; and,

- Enhance collaboration and coordination with local and tribal governments.

The proposal intends to give communities with a strong interest in microgrids and resiliency projects better access to the technical resources and support from utilities.

Additionally, the proposal conditionally approves several resiliency proposals from two utilities:

- Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) would implement programs that would:
  - » Upgrade substations that can be quickly and safely energized with local sources of power;
  - » Procure temporary, portable generators for use at substations and other key locations of public benefit for the 2020 wildfire season; and,
  - » Provide utility technical and financial support for community-proposed microgrids to enhance resiliency of critical facilities and vulnerable customers.
- San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) would implement software and hardware technology to enhance microgrid operation, as well as augment and interoperate with SDG&E’s existing advanced distribution management system and microgrid projects proposed in other proceedings.

Other actions taken by the CPUC to improve preparation for the upcoming wildfire season are described at [www.cpuc.ca.gov/deen-ergization](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/deen-ergization).



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# CPUC Incorporates Environmental and Social Justice Into Its Work



On May 7, 2020, the CPUC released a [Status Report](#) highlighting progress on implementing its [Environmental and Social Justice \(ESJ\) Action Plan](#) that was adopted by the CPUC in February 2019. The ESJ Action Plan consists of 95 discrete action items intended to further nine overarching goals, including incorporating equity into decision-making, improving participation of communities in CPUC processes, improving staff training, and conducting more thorough evaluation of programs and policies impacts. The Status Report shows clear progress on implementation of the ESJ Action Plan and offers insight and opportunities for strengthening this work at the CPUC.

Environmental justice is defined as the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people in development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental policies that impact their lives and surroundings. The ESJ Action Plan identifies ways the CPUC can use its regulatory authority to address health and safety, consumer protection, and enforcement concerns across the energy, telecommunications, and water utilities as well as the railroads and transportation companies CPUC regulates.

The CPUC serves all Californians, and the ESJ Action Plan acknowledges that some



populations in California continue to face higher barriers in accessing safe and affordable utility and transport services. The ESJ Action Plan acknowledges that CPUC has a responsibility to serve Californians in a way that helps address those inequities and is a commitment to advancing decisions and programs that strive to provide everyone across the state with consumer protections and other benefits.

The ESJ Action Plan also highlights how  
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the CPUC can engage directly with communities, build supportive relationships, and gather more information about the concerns Californians face and the ways they are best able to communicate those concerns to the CPUC.

### Highlights of ESJ Action at the CPUC

To implement the ESJ Action Plan, the CPUC has selected ESJ Liaisons from each of its Divisions (as shown in top photo on page 6) to help promote ESJ issues and coordinate actions outlined in the plan. These ESJ Liaisons convene on a regular basis to discuss lessons-learned and to develop knowledge and skills to better address ESJ issues.

#### Additionally, the CPUC is working to:

- Incorporate an “ESJ Impacts” section into Decisions and Resolutions, so that

ESJ issues are addressed systematically across CPUC proceedings and processes;

- Increase participation of ESJ stakeholders in CPUC processes, including facilitating public comment, the involvement of community-based organizations in proceedings, and improving the availability and accessibility of communication;
- Further ESJ principles and priorities through key proceedings, including in Wildfire Mitigation Plans, Climate Adaptation, and Mobile home Park programs, to name just a few; and,
- Bring training and staff development opportunities to ESJ Liaisons and CPUC staff on subjects related to community engagement, meeting facilitation, implicit bias, and critical tools to evaluate ESJ impacts.

### ESJ Action Plan Moving Forward

Seeking to build on progress that has been made, the ESJ Liaisons are preparing to draft an update to the ESJ Action Plan that will be released February 2021. While the overarching goals for the ESJ Action Plan will likely remain the same, actions will be revised to reflect emerging opportunities and to tackle ESJ issues more deeply in key industry areas. Key advisory bodies at the CPUC, including the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group, will be engaged to provide critical direction and feedback on how the next iteration of the plan should unfold.

For more information about the ESJ Action Plan, please contact Monica Palmeira in the CPUC’s News and Outreach office at [monica.palmeira@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:monica.palmeira@cpuc.ca.gov).

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funds available to satisfy the claims of wildfire victims and given the unique circumstances of PG&E’s bankruptcy.

As a result of the Decision’s disallowances of cost recovery, PG&E residential customers should save approximately three percent on their bills in 2021 and beyond.

“This decision resolves the investigation of the catastrophic 2017 wildfires,” said Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma. “As we work to harden the system and mitigate Public Safety Power Shut-offs, I was pleased to see the inclusion of a Request For Information in the settlement intended to identify non-diesel generators capable of meeting a range of use cases, including planned outages and temporary microgrids.”

The wildfires that occurred in Northern California in October 2017 and November 2018 were unprecedented in size, scope, destruction, and loss of life. At the peak of the October 2017 Fire Siege there were 21 major wildfires that, in total, burned 245,000 acres. Eleven thousand firefighters battled the fires that forced 100,000 people to evacuate, destroyed an estimated 8,900 structures, and took the lives of 44 people (including 22 people during the Tubbs fire for which PG&E equipment is not implicated). In the early morning hours of November 8, 2018, the Camp Fire ignited in Butte County, resulting in approximately 153,336 acres burned, destruction of the town of Paradise, 18,804 structures destroyed, and 85 fatalities.

Following an extensive CPUC staff investigation, on June 27, 2019, the CPUC opened a formal investigation into the maintenance, operations, and practices of PG&E with respect to its electric facilities that were involved in igniting these fires, and to determine the appropriate penalties for violation of CPUC rules and regulations that were found by the CPUC’s Safety and Enforcement Division. PG&E subsequently pled guilty to 84 counts of involuntary manslaughter for its role in causing the Camp Fire.

Commissioner Rechtschaffen explained at the CPUC’s May 7 Voting Meeting that PG&E appealed the higher penalties imposed in the Decision, an action he found troubling.

“Given PG&E’s strongly professed recognition of the need to dramatically transform its culture and its approach to safety and its professing to work collaboratively in the future with its regulators, the stridency of PG&E’s appeal was highly unfortunate and deeply disappointing,” Commissioner Rechtschaffen said. “PG&E vigorously disputed its potential liability from the fires (and) these protests were particularly disingenuous, given that among other things, PG&E at the same time was pleading guilty to 84 counts of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the Camp Fire. This was conduct that the Butte County prosecutor likened to ‘reckless arson.’”

# GET TO KNOW US:

## Meet Michael Minkus

A native son of Elk, California, Michael Minkus grew up off-the-grid, with limited indoor plumbing early on, the son of modern homesteaders in a self-sufficient home, years before it became “cool.”

“That experience always made utilities really visible to me—they mattered,” Michael explains. “As a kid I liked to leave the lights on when I was away from home because I could, and if the phone was out we had to drive to the volunteer fire chief’s house.”

At the same time, in contrast to what would be expected in a remote region, his rural area accessed the Internet ahead of many cities due to the Mendocino Community Network Internet Service Provider owned and operated by the school district and still operating today. Michael adopted the digital world at the age of 12, which ties in with his current role at the CPUC of Senior Policy Advisor to the Communications Division Director.

As an adolescent in Mendocino County, with its deep ties to the extraction economy, Michael expected to find work in a field with ties to the area, as a forester or working with wine. He soon learned, however, that everyone wanted tech help instead. His first jobs clearing brush and cutting grass turned into tech support and operating system upgrades.

After earning his B.A. from Berkeley, a full-tuition merit scholarship took him to Golden Gate University School of Law where he became Editor-In-Chief of the Environmental Law Journal, managing a staff of 25 and teaching student writing and research. (The law journal advisor before he took leave to work for the Attorney General, Clifford Rechtschaffen, later became a Commissioner at the CPUC, where he currently serves.)

Michael’s career path became more defined during a fellowship with Senator Barbara Boxer, when he was involved with a re-write of the Communications Act of 1934. The bill never made it to the Senate floor but was an early tussle over net neutrality amendments and the late Senator Ted Stevens’ infamous reference to the Internet as a “series of tubes.” Senator Boxer was also the ranking member on the Environment and Public Works committee and the exposure amplified Michael’s interest in environmental and energy policy.

Back in California, Michael realized the only place he could work on both telecommunications and energy was at the CPUC and he signed on for an internship in the Legal Division.

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After a recession-driven detour into the private sector where he headed up operations and legal units for EcoSmart Inc. and



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Michael Minkus – Senior Policy Advisor, Communications Division

developed a custom bioethanol, and later for Cordova (sports) Marketing Group, where he memorably worked on NASCAR and Virgin Galactic, in 2013 Michael started as Legislative Liaison for the CPUC’s Office of Government Affairs in Sacramento. Michael had a broad legislative portfolio and eventually staffed all telecommunications bills and a notable broadband bill. Four years later, Michael was appointed as Advisor, and for a period Chief of Staff, to Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves. Michael is particularly grateful for the chance to have worked with the Commissioner on broadband and water issues.

Today, Michael is the newly appointed Senior Policy Advisor to Communications Division Director Rob Osborn. In this role, he helps with high-profile special projects such as the COVID-19 pandemic that has made home broadband essential for millions of

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# THE DOCKET:

## Proceedings Filed at the CPUC Late March – April 2020

### PROCEEDING NUMBER | FILED DATE | FILER

#### A2003016 | 30-MARCH-2020 | PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval of Gas Demand Pilot Program. (U39G)

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=332035963>

#### A2003017 | 30-MARCH-2020 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

Application of Southern California Gas Company (U904G) for Authorization to (1) issue debt securities in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$1,730,000,000; (2) include certain features in debt securities or enter into certain derivative transactions; (3) hedge issuances of debt securities; and (4) take all other necessary, related actions.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=332174963>

#### A2004001 | 01-APRIL-2020 | BEAR VALLEY ELECTRIC SERVICE

Application of Golden State Water Company on Behalf of its Bear Valley Electric Service Division (U913E), for Approval of Recorded CEMA Costs and Recovery of the Costs in Rates.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=331066348>

#### A2004002 | 01-APRIL-2020 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for a Commission Finding that its Procurement-Related and Other Operations for the Record Period January 1 Through December 31, 2019 Complied with its Adopted Procurement Plan; for Verification of its Entries in the Energy Resource Recovery Account and Other Regulatory Accounts; and for Recovery of \$16.065 Million Recorded in Three Accounts.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=332035959>

#### A2004008 | 03-APRIL-2020 | NEVADA COUNTY FIBER, INC.

Application of Nevada County Fiber, Inc. for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation Pursuant to the Provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

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#### A1812017 | 6-APRIL-20 | ALJ/KAO/CPUC

Proposed Decision Conditionally Adopting Settlement Agreement Between Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board and Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=331349504>

#### A2004003 | 06-APRIL-2020 | CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

Joint Application of California-American Water Company (U210W) and East Pasadena Water Company (U331W) for an Order Authorizing East Pasadena Water Company to Sell and California-American Water to Purchase the Water Utility Assets of East Pasadena Water Company.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=332038307>

#### A1701012, A1701018, A1701019 | 7-APRIL-20 | ALJ/ATAMTURK/CPUC

Proposed Decision Granting San Diego Gas & Electric Company's Petition to Modify Decision 17-12-003 as Modified.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=331080370>

#### A1804021 | 10-APRIL-20 | ALJ/GLEGOLA/CPUC

Proposed Decision Granting the Application of the Metrolina Gold Line Foothill Extension Authority to Construct and Alter Commuter and Light Rail Tracks and Highway Rail Crossings in the Cities of Claremont and Pomona in Los Angeles County.

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Californians. During this tumultuous time and during a paradigm shift in telecommunications, Michael is carving out time to hone new perspectives of his own.

“Having a kid and wanting him to get a chance to grow up self-aware, moral, and well-intentioned seems pretty important” he explains. “Being a parent has made me a lot more efficient. Having a kid was like a life highlighter, and things that aren’t highlighted sometimes don’t matter.”

Michael and his family are working out of their home in Los Angeles.

During moments of downtime, Michael tends toward reading, writing, cooking, and eating. When on paternity leave he was excited when his infant son enjoyed New Yorker cartoons—maybe an infant’s perspective was the key to understanding. That didn’t last.

And if he gets a chance, he’ll usually ask you about your Internet service provider. And its infrastructure. “How many providers are on the poles outside your house? Do you know where the nearest conduit is?”

**A2004009 | 10-APRIL-2020 | SAN JOSE WATER COMPANY**

Application of San Jose Water Company (U168W), a California corporation, for an order to issue and sell additional debt and equity securities not exceeding the aggregate amount of \$350,000,000 and other related requests.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=332298316>

**A2004010 | 13-APRIL-2020 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY**

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) to Establish a Memorandum Account to Record and Track System-Wide Pipeline Assessment Costs for the Catalina Water Utility.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=332422254>

**A2004011 | 14-APRIL-2020 | TC TELEPHONE, LLC**

TC Telephone LLC (U6875C) Application for Rehearing of Resolution T-17687.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=332298338>

**A2004013 | 15-APRIL-2020 | PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E) for Approval and Recovery of Oakland Clean Energy Initiative Preferred Portfolio Procurement Costs.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=333144837>

**A2004014 | 15-APRIL-2020 | SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY**

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902E) for Approval of its 2021 Electric Procurement Revenue Requirement Forecasts and GHG-Related Forecasts.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=333154357>

**A2004020 | 15-APRIL-2020 | SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

Application of the San Diego Association of Governments for an order authorizing construction of a pedestrian- rail grade separated crossing in the City of Del Mar, San Diego County.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=334604458>

**A2004021 | 15-APRIL-2020 | SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

Application of the San Diego Association of Governments for an order authorizing construction of three pedestrian- rail grade separated crossings in the City of Del Mar, San Diego County.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=335406095>

**R1211005 | 17-APRIL-20 | CMMR/RECHTSCHAFFEN/CPUC**

Petition for Modification of Decision 19-08-001 addressing greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements for energy storage systems receiving Self-Generation Incentive Program incentives.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=333045635>

**I1909016 | 20-APRIL-20 | ALJ/ALLEN/CPUC**

Proposed Decision approving with conditions and modifications, the reorganization plan of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and its holding company PG&E Corporation (PG&E Corp.) pursuant to the requirements of Assembly Bill 1054 (Ch. 79, Stats. 2019).

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=333877762>

**A1909014 | 21-APRIL-20 | ALJ/DOHERTY/CPUC**

Proposed Decision Adjusts the High Usage Charge of the Large Electrical Corporations.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=333877032>

**C2004015 | 21-APRIL-2020 | ANI PRIVATE SECURITY & PATROL, INC.**

ANI Private Security & Patrol, Inc., Complainant vs. Comcast Phone of California, LLC d/b/a Comcast Digital Phone (U5698C), Defendant. [Charging allegations: For overbilling the customer]

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M333/K877/333877686.PDF>

**A1805011 | 22-APRIL-20 | ALJ/SEYBERT/CPUC**

Proposed Decision Denying the Reliefs Requested in the Application for Purchase of the City of Perris' Municipal Water Systems.

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**R2002008 | 24-APRIL-20 | CMMR/SHIROMA/CPUC**

Proposed Decision Temporarily Suspending the Lifeline Renewal Process and Taking Other Actions to Address the COVID-19 Emergency.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=334577594>

**A2001001 | 24-APRIL-20 | ALJ/FOGEL/CPUC**

Proposed Decision authorizing establishment of California Consumer Privacy Act Memorandum Account.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=334604373>

**A1504013 | 15-APRIL-15 (REOPENED WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2020) | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY**

In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the RTRP Transmission Project.

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**A2004016 | 24-APRIL-2020 | SANTA BARBARA AIRBUS, INC.**

In the Matter of the Application of Santa Barbara Airbus, Inc. d/b/a Santa Barbara Airbus (PSC-1262) for Authority to Increase Base Fares and Continue to Maintain a Zone of Rate Freedom.

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**R1812005 | 27-APRIL-20 | CMMR/BATJER/CPUC**

Proposed Decision adopting Phase 2 Updated and Additional Guidelines for De-Energization of Electric Facilities to Mitigate Wildfire Risk. Opening comments are due not later than May 17, 2020. Reply comments are due no later than five days after filing of opening comments.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=334581947>

**A1907007 | 27-APRIL-20 | ALJ/LAKHANPAL/CPUC**

Proposed Decision Authorizing Liberty Utilities' Energy Cost Adjustment Clause Rates, Greenhouse Gas Costs and Allowance Proceeds. Opening Comments are due no later than May 17, 2020. Reply Comments are due 5 days after the last day for filing Opening Comments.

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**A2004017 | 27-APRIL-2020 | CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY**

Joint Application of California-American Water Company (U210W) and Warring Water Service, Inc. (U321W) for an Order Authorizing Warring Water Service, Inc. to Sell and California-American Water to Purchase the Water Utility Assets of Warring Water Service, Inc.

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**A2004018 | 27-APRIL-2020 | CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY**

Application of the California High-Speed Rail Authority for approval to Construct One New Underpass Grade-Separated Crossing at State Route (S.R.) 43, Under Two Proposed High-Speed Rail Tracks at CHSRA's MP (244.79), Located in the County of Tulare.

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**A2004019 | 27-APRIL-2020 | SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Application of the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) to construct three new public at grade pedestrian trail crossings, one new private at-grade vehicular crossing, and one new public at-grade multi-use trail crossing of the existing Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line owned by the RTC in unincorporated Santa Cruz County.

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**A2004022 | 28-APRIL-2020 | ARCADIAN INFRACOM, INC.**

Application of Arcadian Infracom, Inc. for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide full facilities-based and resold competitive local exchange service and interexchange services on a statewide basis.

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**R1909009 | 29-APRIL-20 | ALJ/RIZZO/CPUC**

Proposed Decision adopting short-term actions to accelerate microgrid deployment and related resiliency solutions. Opening comments are due no later than May 19, 2020. Reply comments are due five days after filing of opening comments.

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**A2004023 | 30-APRIL-2020 | PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**

In the Matter of the Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for (1) Administration of Stress Test Methodology Developed Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 451.2(b) and (2) Determination That \$7.5 Billion of 2017 Catastrophic Wildfire Costs and Expenses Are Stress Test Costs That May Be Financed Through Issuance of Recovery Bonds Pursuant to Section 451.2(c) and Section 850 et seq.(U39E).

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