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## CPUC Brings Implicit Bias Training to Staff in Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

In some of his popular training sessions on implicit bias, educator Dr. Bryant T. Marks, Sr., who will meet next month with staff at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), begins with a fictional story about a car accident.

A father and son are out on a rainy night. The father is killed when their vehicle spins out of control and slams into a tree. But when the critically injured son is rushed to a nearby emergency room, the surgeon on call is too stricken to treat him. "I can't operate on that young man," the surgeon says. "He's my son."

Dr. Marks then turns to his audience for an explanation and gets a variety of theories. The young man was adopted. Or the deceased was his stepfather. Maybe the dead man had been in a same-sex relationship.

If no one gives the correct answer, Dr. Marks will state what should be obvious: the reluctant surgeon was the injured man's mother.

It is a powerful exercise about assumptions and just one of the many methods Dr. Marks employs to stress that implicit bias is universal, you are not a bad person for having it, and that it can be damaging.

"If you are a human being and you live in society, you are going to observe certain groups and traits being associated with certain roles," he said in a YouTube clip from last year. "What I like to say is the

two key ingredients for having implicit or unconscious bias is living in society and having a brain. If that applies to you, you're likely to have that bias."

Dr. Marks is a nationally renowned educator, researcher, and trainer whose National Training Institute on Race and Equity is affiliated with Morehouse College in Atlanta, where he is also an associate professor of psychology. His training sessions at the CPUC next month will be made available to all employees.

"Dr. Marks' training on unconscious and implicit bias could not come at a better time," said Alice Stebbins, Executive Director of the CPUC. "We have been delayed in its roll out due to COVID-19 but are very honored to bring this training to the CPUC. His trainings on implicit bias help people understand why it exists, why we stereotype, and why we may also discriminate against individuals without even knowing it. My hope is that at the end of the training we will all have a better awareness and understanding of implicit bias. It can run the gamut from gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, body size, profession,

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Dr. Bryant T. Marks, Sr.

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The list of clients that Dr. Marks has conducted training sessions for is impressive, including such companies as Microsoft, Google, and American Express. His list of clients also includes law enforcement agencies around the country such as the Los Angeles Police Department, where he was the highest-rated trainer in more than 30 years, and the U.S. Department of Justice. Also on the list are well-known nonprofits and the White House when Barack Obama was president.

As Dr. Marks pointed out in a recent telephone interview, the impacts of implicit, or subconscious bias vary based on the setting and participants. If a professor, for example, prefers to call on males in his class rather than women, the women will feel slighted.

But if you are a cop, prosecutor, or judge who harbors implicit biases against people of color, that kind of prejudice can have a devastating impact.

Consider the case of George Floyd, the African American man who died after a Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into his neck for more than eight minutes when Floyd was prone on the pavement.

"I like to think if that person was in a different package, a female package, a

white package, some other form – race, gender, whatever – the science says they more than likely would have let up a bit," Dr. Marks said of the police officer. "It would not have been the same. But in our society the black male has the most negative traits associated with him out of all other racial and gender groups. The black male. Thug. Criminal. We've measured this. We've collected data on this. I know this to be true. I have tens of thousands of data points on this."

At the CPUC's June 11, 2020 Voting Meeting, each Commissioner made a statement on systemic racism and the role the CPUC has in fighting it. The remarks can be viewed on the [webcast archive](#).

Implicit bias can also have a big impact in the workplace, where Dr. Marks says it is present in hiring, talent development, performance evaluation, and even in exit interviews.

"You can have a company where women are resigning for reasons that the company doesn't fully comprehend because of implicit bias in how the exit interviews are conducted," he said. "It's so important that this be recognized and talked about honestly."

Dr. Marks said we see racial disparities in health care related to implicit bias. Teachers may perceive students to have different potential based on implicit

bias, which may become a self-fulfilling prophecy. Decisions about loans and mortgage interest rates can be affected. In other words, just about every aspect of life can be shaped by the sub-conscious, pre-conceived notions, and biases we all pick up just from being alive.

"If I'm living my life and I am over-exposed to negative traits of black males in the movies I watch, the 6 o'clock news, I'm just seeing it," he explained. "I'm not trying to function as a racist person, but I live in America. When black males are presented, negative traits tend to be associated with them. I'm just living life, but my mind is a recorder and I'm keeping track of all that. At a certain point, it's going to click where I'm going to lock in certain traits about black males. I'm still a good person. But I've been over-exposed. This is a disproportionate exposure conversation."

So how do people react after one of his training sessions?

"Usually the reaction is, 'I never thought about it like that.' Or, 'I came in thinking one thing and you changed my perspective.' It's a lot of that. Because I'm not heavy handed in the sense that we don't come in and say everybody's racist. We know trainers who do that. To be provocative. I understand why they do that. We don't. We say everybody's human. But as a function of being human, certain universal principles will apply. This is one of them."

And after conducting thousands of training sessions like those he will do for the CPUC, what does Dr. Marks think he is achieving? What are his goals?

"In general, I want to improve human relations," he said. "Regardless of where you are, if you're a human being and if you're better with your family, better with your friends, better with your co-workers, then part of my job is done. But I also do want to reduce racial inequities. And inequities in various forms. Whether you're talking about a judge's sentencing of a black versus a white male, teachers' expectations in the classroom, health care. We want to reduce those racial inequities and that's really what I'm working toward." ■

### MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD – ENFORCEMENT POLICY

A draft Enforcement Policy will be discussed at the CPUC's July 1, 2020, Policy and Governance Commissioner Committee (virtual) meeting at 10 a.m. **It articulates a vision and provides guidance for the CPUC's compliance and enforcement activities.** You can read the draft Policy, obtain contact information if you'd like to comment on the draft Policy, and see remote access information and more at: [www.cpuc.ca.gov/policyandgovernance](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/policyandgovernance).

# New CPUC Inspection Team Monitors Utility Wildfire Safety Work



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Anwar Syed Safi,  
CPUC Senior Utilities Engineer

A large yellow “x” painted on the trunk of the towering conifer reveals its future. This 105-foot-tall pine is destined for removal because it hangs dangerously over a Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) high-voltage distribution line in an unincorporated neighborhood in El Dorado County near Sacramento.

As a Supervisor in the utility’s Enhanced Vegetation Management program, Rebecca Darrah, a regional PG&E manager, watches a contractor crew carefully assess tree after tree on an usually quiet street to see if the vegetation is too close to active electric lines or other equipment.

“The scale of the work is enormous,” Darrah said. “You literally have to look at every single tree along the circuit to see if it needs work.”

As Darrah is talking, the crew hired by PG&E is marching down Lupin Lane with a giant green machine known as a Sennebogen 718. About 10 workers with Mountain F Enterprises provide guidance and advice as another man operates the machine’s boom crane that can grasp, fall, and buck a trunk as big as 25 inches around. The machine is a marvel, removing trees in minutes without having to put anyone up in the trees, where it is easier to get seriously injured or worse.

Keeping a keen eye on everyone and everything this warm June morning in the Sierra foothills is CPUC Senior Utilities Engineer Anwar Syed Safi. He is part of a new wildfire safety inspection team at the CPUC that has been actively monitoring the vegetation and other safety related work since early May.

“When I’m out in the field, I’m looking at trees, I’m looking at the poles, I’m looking at the structural integrity of the poles, I’m looking at the conductors,” Safi said. “I’m looking at the guy wire supporting it. I’m looking at the transformer. If I see anything that represents a safety or wildfire risk, I write it up as a defect so it can be addressed as soon as possible.”

With 2,100 miles of PG&E high-voltage distribution lines in high-risk fire areas just in El Dorado County—and with an estimated 50,000 trees near the lines that need removal or pruning—there is an abundance of work for Safi and the inspection team.

“What we’re trying to do is ensure that the electrical corporations are operating both in compliance with their Wildfire Mitigation Plans and in a safe environment that reduces the risk of utility sparked wildfires in California,” said Christopher Meyers, a Manager in the Wildfire Safety Division.

Meyers and the team are part of the CPUC’s new Wildfire Safety Division that was established in January after passage of Assembly Bill 1054. In addition to the compliance inspection work, the Division is charged with evaluating annual Wildfire Mitigation Plans from the state’s investor-owned utilities, which include PG&E, Southern California Edison, and San Diego Gas & Electric.

As Meyers noted, the stakes are too high to simply trust the utilities or their contractors to make sure the mitigation work is done correctly, timely, and that it genuinely reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfires caused by utility equipment.

In addition to removing and pruning trees, utility work crews also do “system hardening,” which typically includes covering conductors and high-voltage lines with material less prone to spark when lines and vegetation touch. System hardening was done along this stretch of El Dorado County last year.

“We determined pretty early on that we needed to maintain better visibility of the process rather than delegating to the Independent Evaluators that will be hired by utilities,” Meyers said. “We needed to get our folks out there and show utilities

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# PG&E Reorganization Plan Gets CPUC Approval

The CPUC has approved Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) proposed reorganization plan as part of the utility's efforts to conclude its bankruptcy proceedings by an important June 30, 2020 deadline.

CPUC approval of the reorganization plan was a key milestone toward completion of the bankruptcy process and compensation of victims affected by the wildfires of 2017 and 2018. In creating a new Wildfire Fund last year to facilitate prompt payments to future wildfire victims, the Legislature stipulated that PG&E can use the fund only if the company is out of bankruptcy by June 30.

Under the plan adopted unanimously by the CPUC, PG&E must modify its governance structure and establish local operating regions. The CPUC action will also establish an enhanced oversight and enforcement process that will escalate consequences faced by PG&E if it fails to improve its safety performance, including the possibility of losing its CPUC-issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity that allows it to operate. The reorganization plan is still

under review by the federal bankruptcy court in San Francisco.

Before the CPUC voted on the reorganization plan, President Marybel Batjer addressed more than two hours of mostly negative public comments about the troubled utility's performance and safety culture.

"PG&E is in bankruptcy because of years of mismanagement and a failure to prioritize its customers' safety—a failure that caused catastrophic destruction and death," President Batjer said. "PG&E's years of neglecting to adequately invest in its electrical system resulted in wildfires that took more than 100 people's lives and upended the lives of tens of thousands more. Investor-owned utilities have a special privilege in being unique providers of essential services to the public. With that privilege comes the responsibility to provide safe, reliable, and affordable service to customers. PG&E has consistently failed to demonstrate that it adequately understands this privilege and responsibility. It must correct its mistakes, and upgrade its infrastructure, and serve its customers in a way it hasn't before."

The new oversight tools and changes to PG&E's Board of Directors and management are designed to ensure PG&E will emerge from bankruptcy as a fundamentally changed company with a commitment and ability to provide safe and reliable service while simultaneously continuing needed improvements to mitigate wildfire risk and achieve the state's climate goals.

Commissioner Liane M. Randolph focused on California's climate policies when she said, "This Decision protects the long-standing clean energy contracts that this Commission ordered PG&E to execute many years ago, that built the foundation for today's significant energy sector reductions in greenhouse gas emissions." Nothing in the Decision, she added, weakens California's commitment to clean energy.

The [Decision](#) approved by the CPUC adopted most of the proposals set out in a [February 18, 2020 Ruling](#) from President Batjer that addressed PG&E's management, board governance, and regulatory oversight. The Decision requires PG&E to: continued on page 7



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# GET TO KNOW US:

## Meet Amy Chamarty

Amy Chamarty's quiet, thoughtful demeanor and carefully written reports belie her Type-A stamina, curiosity, and drive. All of which serve her well in her role as the CPUC's Consumer Affairs Branch (CAB) Manager in the News and Outreach Office.

"I worked 20 hours a week in high school," she says, "but still managed to go to a concert or two every weekend. I'd be out until midnight, then wake up to head to my 5 a.m. job at Noah's Bagels."

And she didn't just listen to the music. She helped share it.

Working with indie bands and a local Sacramento record label, she developed their online presence and occasionally did photography.

"I taught myself HTML when I was 12," she explains, "and had a website design business for several years." Through the years, she has often found that experience helpful in advancing programs and policies.

While obtaining her bachelor's degree in economics at UC Berkeley, Amy took a class on the science and use of water that sparked inquiry into public policy. An internship at the Pacific Institute, a global think tank focused on sustainable water policies, solidified her interest.

Following a lead at a job fair, she found herself drawn to the world of renewable energy at the CPUC.

"In 2007, when I joined the CPUC, renewable energy was just emerging," she recalls. "At one time, I had every single new renewable energy project memorized. I knew what they did, where they were, and how much they produced." She is pleased that would no longer be possible due to the large number of projects in California.

The policies around renewables were simultaneously developing with the technologies. As the lead analyst that helped create, monitor, and enforce compliance with the state's Renewables Portfolio Standard program, Amy also independently developed a citation program for filings. She is proud of her role in launching one of the highest profile programs at the CPUC and helping lead the world in renewable energy policies.

After moving to the Infrastructure Permitting and California Environmental Quality Act Section at the CPUC, where she oversaw permitting, construction, risk reduction and enforcement of several large electric infrastructure programs, Amy was recruited to be an Advisor to former Commissioner Catherine J.K. Sandoval.

In that role, she oversaw the Water-Energy nexus and low income energy proceedings as well as advised the Commissioner on numerous other administrative and policy matters. She is especially gratified to have been able to support Commissioner Sandoval's comments to the Federal Communications Commission support-



**To balance the math focus of her major, Amy minored in the literature and history of Scandinavia. She is shown here in Iceland with a cat she found in the East Fjords.**

ing open Internet, especially at a time when content access issues were not so clear.

"Net neutrality is one of the most important policy issues of my generation," she explains. "The Internet represents a new method of speech and media and should be a protected freedom."

When Amy left the Commissioner's office, she moved to yet another emerging policy area as a CPUC analyst in Risk Assessment and Safety Advisory.

After that, she became Interim Advisor to Commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen, advising him on key safety proceedings such as emergency preparedness, safety model assessment, utility Public Safety Power Shut-offs, and wildfire mitigation plans. Focused on safety, water, and communications, she put her past enforcement

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we were out there inspecting their infrastructure and documenting wildfire mitigation work. We need the information from these inspections to verify the accuracy of inspection reports or annual compliance reports received from the utilities.”

And it is not just numbers Wildfire Safety Division inspectors focus on.

“We want this to have an outcome-based focus,” Meyers said. “It’s not that a utility just trimmed a million trees. If they only trimmed 800,000 but did something smarter such as reducing the wildfire risk without having to take down trees by using covered conductors, that’s a success. We’re trying to look at each unique situation that way.”

Inspectors’ work includes field verification of utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan activities, independent inspections of utility assets for wildfire ignition hazards, and investigation of public complaints related to utility wildfire safety activities.

The work of the Wildfire Safety Division inspectors is augmented by third-party utility wildfire subject-matter and risk management experts and engineers under contract with the Wildfire Safety Division to conduct electric line inspections, land surveying, worker safety monitoring, document review, and materials testing. Digital inspection technologies are utilized as part of this work, such as remote sensing (LiDAR, photogrammetry, and smart sensor), and mobile GIS for all wildfire mitigation plan compliance assurance activities.

The Wildfire Safety Division is monitoring three aspects of the utilities’ work:

- Enhanced Vegetation Management, which calls for removing branches and trees that hang near or over high-voltage lines, among other things;
- System hardening, where utilities are putting up covered conductors or other devices to reduce the likelihood of sparks from contact between vegetation and equipment; and,
- Mitigation efforts related to utility Public Safety Power Shut-offs where utilities pre-emptively turn off power when wind and other conditions significantly elevate fire risk. Specifically, the Wildfire Safety Division inspectors are focusing on so-



called sectionalization devices that segment a line into smaller pieces, allowing utilities to shut off power to fewer customers.

In the past, the CPUC’s Electric Safety and Reliability Branch was charged with enforcing CPUC rules and regulations to ensure that power plants and utility companies run a safe and reliable electric or communications system. Recognizing the critical safety need of this work and in light of some of the deadliest wildfires in California history occurring in the past several years sparked by utility infrastructure, the new Wildfire Safety Division was created by the Legislature to focus exclusively on wildfire safety.

“Our group is allowed to build on ESRB’s processes and successes, focusing specifically on wildfire issues without all that other work,” Meyers explained. “We want to build a program that focuses not only on holding the utilities accountable but reduces wildfire risk through an outcome-based approach. We would like to reduce the dependence on utilities self-reporting and become more proactive rather than reactionary. We’re taking the view that there are a lot of people within those electric corporations trying to do their job. By having our team out there looking at what’s happening, it gives the people in the companies doing the inspections a lot more visibility and importance with their management. Utility inspectors who are not being watched by regulators can face resource prioritization challenges within their organizations. Now if they say to management there is an issue, they can say there is an issue we need to fix before the CPUC gets here next week.” ■

- Submit to a newly established CPUC oversight framework under which PG&E's operating permit could be subject to ongoing review as part of an enhanced enforcement process focused on its safety performance;
  - Re-orient management and the Board of Directors structures to create further safety accountability and better representation of PG&E's customers; and,
  - Undergo regional restructuring to create local operating regions with the intent of changing PG&E's management culture to better reflect the diverse values and needs of its customers.
- Demonstrate efforts to pay down wildfire-associated debt and return to a normal utility capital structure and improved credit rating over time; and,
  - Not collect from customers its professional fees incurred in the bankruptcy proceedings.

The Decision also includes requirements that will protect PG&E's ratepayers and ensure the utility regains solid financial footing going forward, which benefits customers. PG&E also will be required to:

- Honor its commitment to not burden ratepayers with costs from pre-2019 fires, but rather propose a rate-neutral securitization to refinance those costs with rate revenue as long as it provides shareholder-backed offsets;

"In order to ensure safe and resilient natural gas and electric service, PG&E will require greater investments into infrastructure, maintenance, and workforce development," said Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves. "But we must also keep service affordable for Californians—this is especially critical now, when the COVID-19 crisis is ravaging peoples' lives and livelihoods. Balancing this tension will become all the more critical as we move farther into the climate crisis. California's long-term climate goals depend on electrification, but electrification that is unaffordable is electrification that won't happen. This Decision, coupled with pending legislative action, provides the tools for replacing PG&E if they cannot maintain safe service at an affordable rate."

In her comments supporting the Decision, which are aimed at enhancing PG&E's safety and accountability, Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma also made a point of commending PG&E's rank and file employees. They have continued doing their jobs during the long bankruptcy proceedings regardless of the many challenges they face, Commissioner Shiroma noted. On the day of the vote, for instance, temperatures in Sacramento and much of the Central Valley exceeded 100 degrees. "They are the ones on the front lines, going to work everyday to keep the system operating . . . these workers are out there repairing lines and helping individual households and customers and I also want to thank them," she said.

Said Commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen, "The PG&E that emerges from bankruptcy must be a re-born utility with safety as its top priority. Its future depends on it." ■

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experience to work preparing recommendations for consistent, fair, and effective enforcement policies.

"I also had fun helping the Commissioner with social media and helped build his Twitter account (@CliffCPUC) to 1,000 followers," she recalls with a smile.

Today, Amy finds herself facing a different challenge. Six short months after becoming CAB's Manager, Amy oversaw adapting the complaint resolution process to accommodate a global pandemic.

"COVID-19 has been really challenging for a lot of customers who have lost jobs, can't pay utility bills, don't have Internet access for remote schooling, and those who normally pay in person. They really need our help," Amy explains.

She points out that the magnitude of an outage is so much greater under the lens of COVID-19. For example, lost food or medicines can be much more difficult and expensive to replace.

Amy transitioned the CAB team to mostly working from home. "Fortunately, staff has almost seamlessly begun serving at the same

levels as before," she says proudly. "They have put in a ton of work to keep the program operating, while also being flexible, engaged, kind, and thoughtful."

Amy's concern for others is demonstrable as she talks about current events and her staff. She credits her parents (a school teacher and a nurse) with developing her ethic to help people, both individually and at a policy level.

Looking back over her years at the CPUC, Amy recalls how early on she was often the only female in the room when meeting with utilities and energy companies.

"I remember one international delegation that brought ties as gifts," she laughs, "never thinking they would meet with female Commissioners or staff."

She credits the CPUC with bringing more women into the CPUC.

"I like being part of the change I want to see in the world," she concludes. ■

# THE DOCKET:

## Proceedings Filed at the CPUC May 2020

PROCEEDING NUMBER | FILED DATE | FILER

### R1807005 | 6-MAY-20 | CMMR/GUZMAN ACEVES/CPUC

Phase I decision adopting rules and policy changes to reduce residential customer disconnections for the larger California-jurisdictional energy utilities.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=336533906>

### A1910003 | 7-MAY-20 | ALJ/WANG/CPUC

Decision approving application of PacifiCorp for emergency services resiliency.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=336533974>

### C1909021 | 7-MAY-20 | ALJ/WERCINSKI/CPUC

Presiding officer's decision granting Southern California Edison Company's motion to dismiss complaint of Sam Kyung Food Mart.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=336533389>

### C2005001 | 7-MAY-2020 | GEORGE KARTSIOUKAS

George Kartsioukas, complainant vs. Southern California Gas Company (U904G), defendant [Charging allegations for overbilling the customer].

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=336533808>

### R2005002 | 7-MAY-2020 | CPUC

Order instituting rulemaking to review climate credits for current compliance with statute and for potential improvements.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?docformat=ALL&docid=328707561>

### R2005003 | 7-MAY-2020 | CPUC

Order instituting rulemaking to continue electric integrated resource planning and related procurement processes.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?docformat=ALL&docid=335863022>

### R1602007 | 8-MAY-20 | ALJ/FITCH/CPUC

Proposed decision denying compensation to Californians for Green Nuclear Power, Inc. for contribution made to decision 19-04-040.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=336533408>

### R1807003 | 8-MAY-20 | ALJ/ATAMTURK/LAKHANPAL/CPUC

Decision granting intervenor compensation to Green Power Institute for substantial contribution to decisions 18-11-004, 19-02-007, 19-06-023, 19-08-007 and 19-09-043.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=336533872>

### A2005004 | 8-MAY-2020 | GIGABITNOW CALIFORNIA, LLC

Application of GigabitNow California, LLC for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide (i) full facilities-based and resold competitive local exchange service throughout the service territories of AT&T California, Frontier California, Inc., Consolidated Communications of California Company, and Citizens Telecommunications Company of California; and (ii) full facilities-based and resold non-dominant interexchange services on a statewide basis.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=336533333>

### A1807011, A1807012 | 13-JULY-2018 (REOPENED WEEK OF MAY 4) | T-MOBILE USA, INC.

Request for re-hearing of Decision 20-04-008: In the Matter of the Joint Application of Sprint Communications Company L.P. (U-5112) and T-Mobile USA, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, for approval of transfer of control of Sprint Communications Company L.P. pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 854(a). [CONSOLIDATION ALERT: Pursuant to 9/11/2018 Ruling of ALJ Bemserderfer, A.18-07-011 and A.18-07-012 are consolidated.]

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=336533733>

### R1407002, A1607015 | 11-MAY-20 | ALJ/DOHERTY/ KAO/CPUC

Proposed decision denying petition for modification of Decision 16-04-020 and Decision 18-02-008 with respect to the bill credit estimation methodology for small solar plus storage systems.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=337316572>

### I1706027, R1706028 | 11-MAY-20 | CMMR/BATJER/CPUC

Proposed Decision approving track 1 workshop report work plans for San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Southern California Gas Company, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, AT&T, and Frontier Communications of California.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=337375613>

### A1404013, A1406012 | 11-MAY-20 | ALJ/BEMESDERFER/CPUC

Proposed decision granting intervenor compensation to The Utility Reform Network for substantial contribution to Decision 15-07-037.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=337288438>

### A2005005 | 11-MAY-2020 | PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to issue, sell, and deliver one or more series of debt securities and to 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 \$8.1 billion, or \$12.6 billion if and to the extent the requested \$7.5 billion securitization in A.20-04-023 is not



approved; to execute and deliver one or more indentures; to sell, lease, assign, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of or encumber utility property; to issue, sell and deliver one or more series of preferred stock or depositary shares; to utilize various debt enhancement features; and to enter into interest rate hedges.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=337426490>

**A1909018 | 13-MAY-20 | ALJ/WANG/CPUC**

Proposed decision granting authorization to the California High-Speed Rail Authority to construct a new rail-rail grade separated crossing near Avenue 144 (MP 245.03) in Tulare County.

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=337425208>

**K2005006 | 14-MAY-2020 | CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Notice of Appeal of Citation No. E-4195-82 [issued April 15, 2020 by CPED].

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=337862138>

**I1906013 | 18-MAY-20 | CMMR/SHIROMA/CPUC**

Proposed interim decision establishing the California Grade Separation Fund Priority List for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=337862434>

**A1909019 | 18-MAY-20 | ALJ/WANG/CPUC**

Proposed decision granting authorization to the California High-Speed Rail Authority to construct one new highway-rail grade-separated crossing at Avenue 144 (MP 244.65) in Tulare County.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=337862427>

**A1909017 | 18-MAY-20 | ALJ/WANG/CPUC**

Proposed decision granting authorization to the California High-Speed Rail Authority to construct a new grade-separated railroad crossing at Avenue 136 (245.77) in Tulare County.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=337862421>

**R1709020 | 18-MAY-20 | ALJ/CHIV/CPUC**

Proposed decision adopting resource adequacy import requirements.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=337861765>

**A2005007 | 18-MAY-2020 | PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE CO.**

Application for Rehearing of Resolution M-4842.

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**A2005008 | 18-MAY-2020 | CTIA**

Application for Rehearing of Resolution M-4842.

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**A2005009 | 18-MAY-2020 | SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, C/O ROBERT SCHULZ**

Application of San Diego State University to construct a new grade-separated crossing at the SDSU Mission Valley River Park and Street 'A' in the City of San Diego on San Diego Metropolitan Transit System's Green Old Town to La Mesa Trolley Line at MP 9.00 (Proposed CPUC Crossing No. 081MV-9.00-B).

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**C2001008 | 19-MAY-20 | ALJ/JUNGREIS/CPUC**

Presiding Officer's Decision granting motion to dismiss complaint of Zuma Beach FM Emergency and Community Broadcasters, Inc. d/b/a/ 99.1 KBUU-FM against Southern California Edison Company. 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.

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**R0506040 | 20-MAY-20 | CMMR/RANDOLPH/CPUC**

Proposed decision granting in part petition to modify Decision 06-06-066 to provide that the market-sensitive information of community choice aggregators shall be eligible for confidential treatment consistent with the Load Serving Entities matrix adopted therein.

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**R1911009 | 22-MAY-20 | ALJ/CHIV/CPUC**

Proposed decision adopting local capacity obligations for 2021-2023, adopting flexible capacity for 2021, and refining the Resource Adequacy program. Opening comments are due no later than June 11, 2020. Reply comments are due five days after filing of opening comments.

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**R1706026 | 22-MAY-20 | ALJ/ATAMTURK/CPUC**

Proposed decision denying petition for modification of Decision 18-07-009 filed by California Choice Energy Authority and the Center for Accessible Technology on October 26, 2018.

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**A2005010 | 22-MAY-2020 | FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION**

Application of Frontier Communications Corporation, Frontier California Inc. (U1002C), Citizens Telecommunications Company of California Inc. (U1024C), Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc. (U1026C), Frontier Communications Online and Long Distance Inc. (U7167C), Frontier Communications of America, Inc. (U5429C) for determination that corporate restructuring is exempt from or compliant with Public Utilities Code Section 854.

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**R1408013, A1507002, A1507003, A1507005, A1507006, A1507007, A1507008 | 26-MAY-20 | ALJ/MASON/CPUC**

Proposed decision denying intervenor compensation claim of Clean Coalition.

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**R1602007 | 26-MAY-20 | ALJ/FITCH/CPUC**

Proposed decision granting intervenor compensation to Friends of the Earth for substantial contribution to Decision 19-04-040 and Decision 18-02-018.

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**A2005011 | 27-MAY-2020 | NETLY FIBER HOLDINGS, LLC**

In the Matter of the Application of Netly Fiber Holdings, LLC 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 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.

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**A2005013 | 27-MAY-2020 | EM3 NETWORKS, LLC**

Application of EM3 Networks, LLC for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide resold interexchange services and competitive local exchange services.

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**A1909014 | 28-MAY-20 | ALJ/DOHERTY/CPUC**

Proposed decision adjusting the seasonal differential in the default residential rate of San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

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**R2005012 | 28-MAY-2020 | CPUC**

Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Policies, Procedures and Rules for the Self-Generation Incentive Program and Related Issues.

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**A1701013, A1701014, A1701015, A1701016, A1701017 | 17-JAN.-2017 (RE-OPENED WEEK OF MAY 25, 2020) | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY**

Re-hearing of Decision 20-04-020: Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for Approval of Energy Efficiency Rolling Portfolio Business Plan. (ALERT: Pursuant to former Chief ALJ Clopton's 1/30/2017 ruling, proceedings A.17-01-013, A.17-01-014, A.17-01-015, A.17-01-016 and A.17-01-017 are consolidated.)

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