

CPUC Public Agenda 3529

Thursday, June 29, 2023, 11:00 a.m.

Commissioners:

Alice Reynolds, President

Genevieve Shiroma

Darcie L. Houck

John Reynolds

Karen Douglas

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California Public
Utilities Commission

CPUC Mission

We Empower California through:

- Assuring utility services are clean and safe.
- Providing for critical services and infrastructure.
- Designing rates that are fair and reasonable.
- Protecting the interests of consumers and ratepayers

CPUC Core Values



Accountability



Excellence



Integrity



**Open
Communication**



Stewardship

Commissioner Code of Conduct

- I. Commissioners should conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect for the public, for fellow Commissioners, and for Commission staff.
- II. Commission meetings should be opportunities for a full and respectful exchange of ideas and the responsible execution of Commission duties.
- III. Serving on the Commission is an honor and Commissioners should treat their colleagues at the Commission with respect for the varied backgrounds, skills and interests that each one brings.
- IV. Commissioners are public officials who should uphold the integrity of their office at all times.

Public Comment

- Per Resolution ALJ-252, any member of the public (excluding parties and their representatives) who wishes to address the CPUC about matters before the Commission must call in to toll-free number:



1-800-857-1917

Passcode: 9899501

- ***Para escuchar esta reunión en español, por favor llame: (800) 857-1917, código de acceso: 3799627.***
- Once called, each speaker has 1 minute at the discretion of the Commission President. If there are a large number of callers wishing to speak, the time limit may be changed to accommodate all callers.
- A bell will ring when time has expired.
- **Written comments on a specific proceeding can be submitted via the CPUC's docket card. Please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/docket, input the proceeding number, then click on the public comment tab. You can also visit the Public Advisor's Office webpage at www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao for further information.**
- Public Comment is not permitted on the following items:
- 29, 37

Public Agenda Changes

Items shown on the Consent Agenda will be taken up and voted on as a group in one of the first items of business of each CPUC meeting.

- Items on Today's Consent Agenda are:
1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48.
- Any Commissioner, with consent of the other Commissioners, may request an item from the Regular Agenda be moved to the Consent Agenda prior to the meeting.
- **No Item** from the Regular Agenda has been added to the Consent Agenda.
- Any Commissioner may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion on the Regular Agenda prior to the meeting.
- **Items 18, and 19** have been moved to the Regular Agenda.
- **Item 27** has been withdrawn.
- The following items have been held to future Commission Meetings:
 - **Held to: 7/13/2023 2, 6, 7, 11 and 39.**
 - **Held to: 8/31/2023 5.**

Regular Agenda

- Each item on the Regular Agenda (and its alternate if any) will be introduced by the assigned Commissioner or CPUC staff and discussed before it is moved for a vote.
- For each agenda item, a summary of the proposed action is included on the agenda; the CPUC's final decision may, however, differ from that proposed.
- The complete text of every Proposed Decision or Draft Resolution is available for download on the CPUC's website: www.cpuc.ca.gov
- Late changes to agenda items are available on the Virtual Escutia Table; or in paper format or via QR Code at the Commission Meeting site.

Regular Agenda | Orders and Resolutions

Item #2 [21528] – General Rate Case for Golden State Water Company

A.20-07-012

In the matter of the Application of the Golden State Water Company for an order (1) authorizing it to increase rates for water service by \$49,518,400 or 14.97% in 2022; (2) authorizing it to increase rates by \$16,107,100 or 4.22% in 2023 and increase rates by \$17,207,900 or 4.31% in 2024 in accordance with the Rate Case Plan; and (3) adopting other related rulings and relief necessary to implement the Commission's ratemaking policies.

Ratesetting

(Comr. Houck - Judge Ferguson)

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Approves Partial Settlement; Denies Consolidation of Two Rate Areas; Approves Request for Two New Balancing Accounts.
- Closes the proceeding.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

ESTIMATED COST:

- Average rate increase of all ratemaking areas combined is 8.1 percent of the rates in effect during 2021, rather than the 14.97 percent Golden State Water Company initially requested.

Regular Agenda | Orders and Resolutions (continued)

Item #18 [21636] – Local Agency Technical Assistance Grant Funding for Nine Non-Tribal Local Agency Applications

Res T-17793

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Recommends approval of \$5,120,972 in Local Agency Technical Assistance applications for Nine Non-Tribal Local Agency Applications, Exhausting the \$45M in Non-Tribal Local Agency funds.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this resolution.

ESTIMATED COST:

- \$5,120,972.

Regular Agenda | Orders and Resolutions (continued)

Item #19 [21637] – California Advanced Services Fund Adoption Account Funding from the January 2023 Application Round

Res T-17786

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Approves one project proposal for \$135,625 and conditional approval of one project proposal for \$27,030 from the California Advanced Services Fund Broadband Adoption Account submitted in the January 2023 application round.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this resolution.

ESTIMATED COST:

- \$162,655.00.

Regular Agenda | Energy Orders

Item #49 [21250] – Methodology to Calculate Unrealized Revenues Resulting from Public Safety Power Shutoffs

A.20-02-009, A.20-04-002 and A.20-06-001 - Related matters.

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Compliance Review of Utility Owned Generation Operations, Portfolio Allocation Balancing Account Entries, Energy Resource Recovery Account Entries, Contract Administration, Economic Dispatch of Electric resources, Utility Owned Generation Fuel Procurement, Diablo Canyon Seismic Studies Balancing Account, and Other Activities for the Record Period January 1 Through December 31, 2019.

Ratesetting

(Comr. John Reynolds - Judge Lau)

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Keeps the proceeding open for further consideration and record development on the issue of whether Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) should return the revenue requirements that were unrealized during the 2019 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events in 2019.
- Adopts a methodology to calculate the estimated unrealized revenues PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E will accrue during PSPS events.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this decision.

Regular Agenda | Energy Orders (continued)

Item #49A [21634] – Commissioner John Reynolds' Alternate to Item 21250

A.20-02-009, A.20-04-002 and A.20-06-001 - Related matters.

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Ratesetting

(Comr. John Reynolds)

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Adopts a methodology to calculate the estimated unrealized revenues Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company will accrue during public safety power shutoff events.
- Closes the proceeding.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this decision.

Regular Agenda | Energy Orders (continued)

Item #50 [21634] – Energy Efficiency Portfolios for 2024-2027 and Business Plans for 2024-2031

A.22-02-005 , A.22-03-003, A.22-03-004, A.22-03-005, A.22-03-007, A.22-03-008, A.22-03-011, and A.22-03-012 - Related matters.

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval of 2024-2031 Energy Efficiency Business Plan and 2024-2027 Portfolio Plan.

Ratesetting

(Comr. Shiroma - Judge Fitch - Judge Kao)

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Approves the energy efficiency portfolios of nine portfolio administrators, with a total budget of \$4.3 billion over the period 2024-2027.
- Approves a new Rural Regional Energy Network to deliver efficiency benefits to rural consumers in four different regions of California.
- Includes emphasis on the equity and market support segments of the energy efficiency portfolios, by better defining underserved and hard-to-reach customers and communities, as well giving direction on the setting of goals, metrics, and indicators to evaluate outcomes in these segments.
- Closes the proceedings.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- The programs authorized by this decision will contribute to installation of energy efficiency measures in homes and businesses throughout California, improving the reliability of natural gas delivery and the electricity grid by saving energy. Some measures funded by the programs may also improve health and safety, including indoor building air quality.

ESTIMATED COST:

- A total of \$4.3 billion over the four-year period 2024-2027, and a forecasted additional \$4.6 billion over the four-year period 2028-2031, from the ratepayers of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Gas Company.

Management Reports



Item #51 [21659] –

Management Reports and Resolutions



Gas R&D Program Proposed Budget Plan for FY 2023-24

CEC Staff Presentation to CPUC Commissioners

June 29, 2023



Gas R&D Program Background

- Guided by California legislation and CPUC decisions/resolutions.
- Advances gas-related technology innovation and research.
- Supports state energy policy.
- Benefits gas ratepayers.
- Spans energy efficiency, renewable technologies, conservation, and environmental issues.
- Supports collaboration and co-funding opportunities.
- \$24 million annual budget.





Gas R&D Program Impact

\$311+ million awarded to advance **295+ projects** in California since 2004.

70%
OF GAS R&D FUNDS

Invested in projects located in a disadvantaged community, low-income community, or both.

\$6.1+
BILLION

In private investment received by awardees after being selected for a Gas R&D Program award.

23+
PROJECTS

Informed codes, standards, proceedings, or protocols, providing on average an **estimated \$65+ million** per year in energy cost savings.

Note: Estimates based on data through May 2022



Recent Investment Focal Areas



Resiliency, Health, & Safety

\$44 million invested



Gas System Decarbonization

\$16 million invested



Building Decarbonization

\$13 million invested



Low-Emission Transportation

\$16 million invested



Industrial & Agricultural Innovation

\$14 million invested



Proposed Research Areas

FY 2023-2024



*Air Pollutant Exposure Assessment
in CA Homes*



Gas System Decommissioning



Gas Leakage Mitigation



*Leveraging Cost Share
Opportunities*

FY 2024-2025



Fuel-Flexible Power Generation



Gas System Decommissioning



Gas Storage Monitoring



*Onboard storage & fuel
systems*



Air Pollutant Exposure Assessment in California Homes

Purpose: Develop an air pollutant exposure assessment framework to illuminate health implications of different cooking fuels in California residences.

Benefits:

- Provides data to improve indoor air quality and inform equitable building decarbonization.
- Responsive to CPUC Resolution G-3571.





Targeted Gas System Decommissioning

Purpose: Conduct gas system research informing decommissioning planning.

Benefits:

- Inform multi-level action and coordination on gas system transition.
- Facilitate strategies for decommissioning.
- Support technology innovation to suit the varied circumstances of gas system users.
- Create attractive and actionable transition pathways for communities.



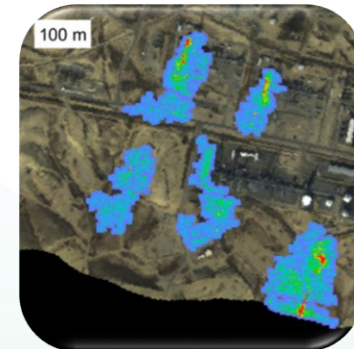


Innovative Gas Leakage Monitoring, Mitigation, and Prevention Solutions

Purpose: Advance technologies and techniques for addressing gas leakage for methane, hydrogen, and blends.

Benefits:

- Improve performance and cost-effectiveness of sensing technologies and leakage mitigation measures.
- Reduce risk of leakage incidents and exposure.
- Reduce climate-warming fugitive emissions.



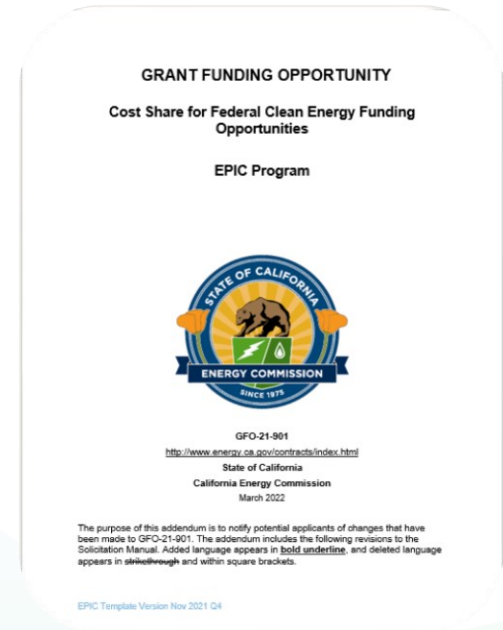


Leveraging Cost Share Opportunities

Purpose: Provide federal or private cost share for projects consistent with the Gas R&D Program.

Benefits:

- Leverage Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act and other federal funding.
- Foster state-federal R&D partnerships.
- Support larger R&D projects and co-funding.



Source: CEC Website
(Example of EPIC Cost Share GFO)



Next Steps

- FY2023-2024 Budget Plan Report: Submitted June 1, 2023
- FY 2022-2023 Gas R&D Annual Report: Due October 31, 2023
- FY2024-2025 Budget Plan: Due April 1, 2024

Thank you!

Item #51 [21659] –

Management Reports and Resolutions

CPUC Employee Recognition

1 Quarter 2023

S. Pat Tsen
Deputy Executive Director

June 29, 2023



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CPUC Employee Recognition Program

- Once per quarter, we request nominations from all CPUC employees – teams and individuals – of colleagues who merit recognition.
- We also request new volunteers each quarter to read the nominations and reach consensus on the awardees.

CATEGORIES:

Building Morale

Customer Service

Quality Improvement

Core Values

Leadership

Innovation

Outstanding Achievement

CPUC Employee Recognition

COLLABORATION

Executive Division

Melanie Wallace
Lori Misicka

BUILDS MORALE

Energy Division

Rona Banaga

CORE VALUES

Energy Division

Delia Drake

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Executive Division

Jill Walker

CPUC Employee Excellence

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Commissioner Shiroma's Office

Cheryl Wynn
Lisa Paulo
Jack Chang
Scott Mosbaugh
Ritta Merza

News & Outreach

Antoinette Siguenza
Julie Hall
Jill Walker
Maitee Rossoukhi
Eric Sawyer

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Andrew Dugowson
Rosalind Scott
Ryan Metzer
Shoaib Ur-Rehman
Misha Shukla
Jenny Yu
Harsh Thakar

Executive Division

Mark Smith
Kristi Stauffacher

CPUC Employee Excellence

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Administrative Services

Ryan Metzger

INNOVATION

Communications Division

William Veroski

LEADERSHIP

Communications Division

Brent Jolley
Lucia Magaña

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Commissioner's Reports



President
Alice Busching Reynolds



Commissioner
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Commissioner
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Commissioner
Karen Douglas

The CPUC thanks you for participating in today's meeting

The next Public Meeting will be:

July 13, 2023

11:00 a.m.

San Francisco





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