



## Resiliency and Microgrids Working Group - WebEx Meeting

### Subject: Standby Charges

February 19, 2021

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

#### WebEx Event (Slide View/Submit Written Questions)

*Pre-registration is required.*

Event Link:

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## **Background:**

Rulemaking 19-09-009 facilitates the commercialization and deployment of microgrids while prioritizing system, public, and worker safety and avoiding shifting costs between ratepayers. On September 12, 2019, the Commission initiated this Rulemaking to design a framework surrounding the commercialization of microgrids associated with Senate Bill (SB) 1339 (Stern, 2018), as well as to account for the Commission's commitment toward utilizing additional technologies and activities that may be useful for achieving overall resiliency goals.

As part of the rulemaking, the CPUC organized a working group to facilitate thoughtful and informed discussions to continue to support the goal of resiliency and the commercialization of microgrids. Specifically, the RMWG will further explore issues not previously addressed or under current consideration by the Commission. The topics may be subject to change and reprioritization as the discussions evolve over the course of the working group meetings.

This Working Group meeting dedicated to standby charges will explore whether the CPUC should require utilities to reduce or waive standby charges for a customer operated microgrid under specific conditions. See the ruling dated February 9, 2021 for Energy Division staff's question set. The ruling sets a March 3rd deadline for opening comments. This standby charge discussion is one element of the customer facing microgrid tariff revisit.

## **Purpose of the Meeting:**

- Develop shared understanding of the stated purpose of standby charges, standby charge rate components, the utility costs recovered by standby charges, how microgrid projects may be impacted by standby charges in different modes of operation;
- Provide high level overview of Energy Division staff's questions attached to the February 9, 2021 ruling;
- Answer stakeholder questions.

## Meeting Agenda:

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| I.   | Introduction ( <i>CPUC Staff</i> )  | 10:00 – 10:05   |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WebEx logistics, agenda review</li></ul>  |                 |
| II.  | Informational Presentation on Standby Charges ( <i>SDG&amp;E</i> )  | 10:05 - 10:25   |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Background history and purpose for standby service, components of utility tariffed rate schedule charges, utility cost recovery</li></ul> |                 |
| III. | Overview of February 9, 2021 Ruling Questions ( <i>CPUC Staff</i> )   | 10:25 – 11:35   |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview February 9, 2021 Ruling questions</li><li>• Q&amp;A and Discussion of Ruling Questions</li></ul>                                 |                 |
| IV.  | Discussion ( <i>CPUC Staff</i> )  | 11:35 – 11:55   |
| V.   | Closing Remarks, Adjourn ( <i>CPUC Staff</i> )  | 11:55 - 12 Noon |