



CPUC Public Agenda 3348

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San Francisco, CA



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- Our assembly point is Jefferson Square Park on Turk and Gough Streets.





Public Comment

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- Once called, each speaker has up to 3 minutes at the discretion of the Commission President, depending on the number of speakers the time limit may be reduced to 1 minute.
- A sign will be posted when 1 minute remains.
- A bell will ring when time has expired.
- At the end of the Public Comment Section, the Commission President will ask if there are any additional individuals who wish to speak. Individuals who wish to speak but did not sign up by the deadline, will be granted a maximum of one minute to make their comments.

The following items are NOT subject to Public Comment:

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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, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 and 59.
- 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.
- Items: 64, 65, 68 and 69 from the Regular Agenda have 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.
- Item: None have been moved to the Regular Agenda.
- Item: 67 has been withdrawn.
- The following item has been held to future Commission Meetings:
Held to 1/15/15: 4.





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 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 Escutia Table.





Regular Agenda – Energy Orders

Item # 60 [13414] – SmartMeter Opt Out Charges and Fees

A11-03-014, A11-03-015, A11-07-020 – Related Matters.

Ratesetting

Comr. Peevey / Judge Yip-Kikugawa

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- This decision authorizes Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), and Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) to recover actual costs associated with providing the opt-out option up to the following amounts:
 - PG&E - \$35.344 million
 - SCE - \$20.463 million
 - SDG&E - \$1.447 million
 - SoCalGas - \$4.5 million
- Adopts fee for residential customers - For Non-CARE Customers it is an Initial Fee of \$75.00 and a Monthly Charge of \$10.00/month.
- For CARE Customers it is an Initial Fee of \$10.00 and a Monthly Charge of \$5.00/month.
- PG&E, SCE, SDG&E, and SoCalGas to establish balancing accounts to track the amount of revenues collected from opt-out customers as compared to the recorded costs of the opt-out program.
- Determines that local governments and entities may not opt out on behalf of residents within their jurisdiction.
- Determines that charging opt-out fees does not violate the Americans with Disabilities Act or Pub. Util. Code § 453(b).
- PG&E, SCE, SDG&E and SoCalGas to implement bi-monthly (every two months) meter reading bill plan for customers who choose the smart meter opt-out program.
- Closes the proceedings.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Provides an option for residential customers who do not wish to have a wireless SmartMeter at their location for any reason.

ESTIMATED COST:

- Adopts a cost cap as follows: PG&E - \$35.344 million; SCE - \$20.463 million; SDG&E - \$1.447 million; SoCalGas - \$4.5 million





Regular Agenda – Energy Orders

Item # 60a [13429] – ALTERNATE TO ITEM 13414

A11-03-014, A11-03-015, A11-07-020 – Related Matters.

Ratesetting

Comr. Peevey

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- Limits the collection of the monthly charge from residential opt-out customers to three years from the date they choose to opt-out.
- Authorizes PG&E, SCE, SDG&E and SoCalGas to recover from the residential customer class as a whole any under collections of revenues from the opt-out charges.
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Regular Agenda – Energy Orders

Item # 61 [13483] – Phase 1 Decision Expanding Utility Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Ownership Policy

A14-04-014, R13-11-007 – Related Matters. – Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company for Approval of its Electric Vehicle-Grid Integration Pilot Program.

Quasi-Legislative

Comr. Peterman / Judge Moosen

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- First Phase 1 decision lifts the prohibition against utility ownership of electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Clarifies the legal standard to apply to utility applications for new programs.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Allows the Commission to continue to fulfill its duties under Pub. Util. Code § 451, including to take all actions necessary to promote the safety, health, comfort, and convenience of utility patrons, employees, and the public.

ESTIMATED COST:

- Unknown.





Regular Agenda – Energy Orders

Item # 62 [13485] – Evaluation of "Option R" for Customers on Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Rate Schedule E-19 and E-20

A12-12-002 - Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for 2013 Rate Design Window Proceeding.

Ratesetting

Comr. Peevey / Judge Long

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Rejects the adoption of Option R which would reduce the demand charge to certain customers with installed solar systems and impose a higher energy charge.
- Closes the proceeding.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Does not affect operations or safety of the general public, customers, or utility employees.

ESTIMATED COST:

- No rate impacts.





Regular Agenda – Energy Orders

Item # 62a [13486] – ALTERNATE TO ITEM 13485

A12-12-002 - Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for 2013 Rate Design Window Proceeding.

Ratesetting

Comr. Peevey

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Orders Pacific Gas and Electric Company to implement an "Option R" to its E-19 and E-20 tariffs for medium and large commercial and industrial customers. Option R contains lower demand charges and higher peak and part peak energy charges compared to the standard E-19 and E-20 tariffs.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- None as a result of this decision.

ESTIMATED COST:

- None.





Regular Agenda – Energy Orders

Item # 63 [13489] – Bioenergy Feed-In Tariff (Senate Bill 1122) for Renewables Portfolio Standard Program

R11-05-005 - Order Instituting Rulemaking to Continue Implementation and Administration of California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

Ratesetting

Comr. Peterman / Judge Simon

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Implements Senate Bill (SB) 1122 to include 250 megawatts (MW) of bioenergy procurement in the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) feed-in tariff (FiT).
- Allocates to Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) [Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E)] its share of the 250 MW of bioenergy to be procured under the mandate of SB 1122.
- Identifies the required characteristics of each fuel type to be used.
- Authorizes the Director of Energy Division to develop, in consultation with the parties, a mechanism for third-party verification of fuel use.
- Continues the exemption of small and multi-jurisdictional utilities from the mandates of the RPS feed-in tariff.
- Sets the mechanism for determining the tariff price of generation eligible under SB 1122 within the general framework of the Renewable Market Adjusting Tariff (ReMAT).
- Sets a statewide “starting price” for bioenergy generation resources that adjusts bi-monthly for each type of bioenergy resource.
- Sets an ending date of 60 months from beginning of program for the obligation of the IOUs to offer the tariff that includes SB 1122 requirements.
- Authorizes the Director of Energy Division to convene, if appropriate, a forum for review of the bioenergy FiT and development of suggestions for improving it.
- Requires PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E, within 30 days of the date of this decision, to file and serve a proposed joint tariff and standard contract that includes the provisions of this decision.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- None; decision sets tariff rules and prices for procurement under the Renewables Portfolio Standard.

ESTIMATED COST:

- Unknown at this time.





Regular Agenda – Communications Order

Item # 66 [13488] – Rules and Regulations in Phase 1 of the Rulemaking for the California High Cost Fund-A Program

R11-11-007 - Order Instituting Rulemaking into the Review of the California High Cost Fund-A Program.

Quasi-Legislative

Comr. Sandoval / Judge Colbert

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Adopts Rules and Regulations to implement the California High Cost Fund-A Program (A-Fund).

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Reliable telecommunications networks to ensure communication availability during rural emergencies.

ESTIMATED COST:

- Increased rates for customers, corporate expense limits for carriers, and decreased costs for California taxpayers from decreased draw on A-Fund.





Commissioners' Reports





Management Reports





The CPUC Thanks You For Attending Today's Meeting

**The Public Meeting is adjourned.
The next Public Meeting will be:**

**January 15, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.
in San Francisco, CA**

