**California Public Utilities Commission**

**TRIBAL CONSULTATION on DER ACTION PLAN and HIGH DER RULEMAKING**

**September 16, 2021 @ 9a-12p, Webex**

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California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Commissioner Darcie L. Houck invites tribal representatives to participate in a **Tribal Consultation on the draft CPUC Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Action Plan 2.0 and “High DER” Rulemaking**. The purpose of the consultation is to share information about the draft DER Action Plan 2.0 and High DER Rulemaking with tribes interested in engaging with these efforts, and to provide a dedicated forum for tribes to provide input on these efforts in addition to or without needing to become formal parties in CPUC proceedings. Additional information about the DER Action Plan and High DER rulemaking can be found at the end of this document.

**AGENDA**

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| **Time** | **Topic** | **Duration**  |
| 9:00-9:10 am | Welcome | 10 mins  |
| 9:10-9:15 am | Opening Remarks from Darcie Houck, CPUC Commissioner and Christina Snider, Tribal Advisor to Governor Newsom | 5 mins  |
| 9:20-9:25 am | Workshop Goals and Agenda | 5 mins  |
| 9:25-9:30 am | Overview of CPUC Tribal Consultation Policy | 5 mins |
| 9:30-9:40 | Utility Tribal Liaison Introductions | 10 mins |
| 9:40-10:20 am | Overview of DER Action Plan | 40 mins |
| 10:20-10:35 pm | Overview of High DER Rulemaking | 15 mins |
| *10:35-10:45 am* | *Break* | *10 mins*  |
| 10:45-11:10 am | Panel of Tribal Representatives* Jana Ganion, Blue Lake Rancheria
* Linnea Jackson, Hoopa
* Pilar Thomas, Partner at Quarles & Brady LLP
* Michael Garace, Yurok

Questions:* What DER-related issues or challenges does your tribe face?
* Do you feel your tribe’s energy needs and planned developments are adequately integrated into utility distribution system planning? If not, how would you improve integration?
* Do you have any preliminary input on the DER Action Plan or High DER Rulemaking?
 | 25 mins |
| 11:10-11:40 am | Tribal Discussion – open to all tribal attendees* What DER-related issues or challenges does your tribe face?
* Do you feel your tribe’s energy needs and planned developments are adequately integrated into utility distribution system planning? If not, how would you improve integration?
* Do you have any preliminary input on the DER Action Plan or High DER Rulemaking?
 | 30 mins |
| 11:40-11:55 am | How to provide feedback on DER Action Plan and High DER Rulemaking moving forward* DER Action Plan informal comment process
* High DER Rulemaking formal comment process
* Semi-annual, utility-hosted regional workshops to enhance coordinated resiliency planning and operations, including microgrids
* Brainstorming ongoing tribal consultation needs
 | 15 mins |
| 11:55 am-12:00 pm | Meeting Close | 5 mins  |

**BACKGROUND**

**More on the DER Action Plan 2.0:** On July 23, 2021, the CPUC issued a [Draft Distributed Energy Resources Action Plan 2.0](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/energy-division/documents/distributed-energy-resources-action-plan/draft-der-action-plan-20-public.pdf) intended to serve as a roadmap for CPUC decision-makers, staff, and stakeholders to facilitate forward-thinking policy and maximize ratepayer and societal value in an anticipated high-DER future. DERs include rooftop solar and other distributed renewable generation resources, energy storage, electric vehicles, time variant and dynamic rates, flexible load management, demand response, and energy efficiency technologies. California leads the nation in the growth of DERs, which will continue due to groundbreaking policies such as Senate Bill 100, as well as new commitments to increase transportation and building electrification and continued commitment to behind the meter solar generation and storage. Given these trends and the ongoing need for a coordinated strategic vision to guide DER policy, the CPUC is updating its 2016 DER Action Plan. The CPUC issued a draft updated plan on July 23, 2021 and is seeking stakeholder feedback through an all-stakeholder workshop on August 26, 2021, a tribal consultation on September 16, 2021, and written comments sent to deractionplan@cpuc.ca.gov by October 8, 2021. More information can be found at [Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Action Plan (ca.gov)](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/about-cpuc/divisions/energy-division/der-action-plan).

**More on the “High DER” Rulemaking**: Under the umbrella of the DER Action Plan 2.0, the CPUC launched [Rulemaking 21-06-017](https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:R2106017) on June 24, 2021 to modernize the state’s electric grid to integrate a high number of DERs, including electric vehicle charging. The proceeding focuses on preparing the grid to accommodate what is expected to be a high DER future and capturing as much ratepayer value as possible through actions such as clarifying grid roles and responsibilities, vehicle charging infrastructure forecasting, and community engagement. Of particular relevance to tribes, this proceeding includes a focus on facilitating local community input into utility distribution system planned developments, DER siting plans, and resiliency needs. More information about the proceeding can be found on the [R.21-06-017 docket card](https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:R2106017).

For more information about the tribal consultation on September 16, or to request a private consultation with Commissioner Houck, please contact CPUC Tribal Advisor Ken Holbrook at kenneth.holbrook@cpuc.ca.gov and Commissioner Houck’s Chief of Staff Pouneh Ghaffarian at pouneh.ghaffarian@cpuc.ca.gov.