

Proposed Agenda – Equity Metrics Workshop [Virtual]

Date: Tuesday, January 21 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Procedural Background:

The purpose of Rulemaking 21-06-017 is to prepare the electric grid for a high number of distributed energy resources. In establishing this proceeding, the Commission recognized the need to review utility distribution planning processes. Track 1, Phase 1 of this proceeding has focused on near-term improvements to the distribution planning and execution process (DPEP).

The High DER Proceeding published a Staff Proposal in Track 1 Phase 1 on Improvements to the Distribution Planning Process and Interconnection Capacity Analysis on April 5, 2024. The Staff Proposal contained a section that highlighted the potential issues with equity in the distribution planning process, established the key goal that equity be proactively considered as a priority in distribution planning, and proposed to include metrics to evaluate equity in Utility annual distribution plan reporting. The proposal was met with both support and the need for further clarification. Therefore, the following Proposed Decision, published September 13, 2024, adopted the proposal to track equity metrics and directed the Utilities to hold a workshop to seek stakeholder input to further develop the details of the metrics and how they will be applied. The final Decision ([D.24-10-030](#)), published October 17, 2024, included the following metrics:

1. Percentage of customers served by the relevant equipment/facility that are enrolled in the Commission's California Alternate Rates for Energy and/or the federal Family Electric Rate Assistance programs;
2. The Priority Populations Map on the California Environment Protection Agency website and CalEnviroScreen 4.0, or the most recent update at the time of filing, percentile for the area served by the relevant equipment/facility;
3. Whether the equipment/facility serves a disadvantaged community;
4. Whether the equipment/facility serves a Tribal community; and
5. Percentage of customers enrolled in the Medical Baseline program(s) or receive the equivalent medical discount if they are enrolled in an opt-in rate that does not include tiers.

Workshop Objectives:

- Define what equity means in the distribution planning process.
- Establish a vision of what the outcomes of an equitable distribution planning process look like.
- Propose data and metrics to track that can inform if the outcomes of the distribution planning process are equitable or inequitable.
- Propose data and metrics to track that can inform if equitable outcomes are increasing or decreasing.

Workshop Agenda:

Time	Agenda Item	Details
9:00 - 9:20 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening remarks by Commissioner Houck Energy Division Background and Workshop Framing slides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop logistics Commissioner Darcie Houck sets the stage for the workshop and emphasize its purpose. Energy Division opens with context and frames the workshop objectives
9:20 – 10:20 AM	Overview of IOUs' Current DPP and proposed Metrics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by IOUs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PG&E SDG&E SCE 	Covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High level current distribution planning practices. Disaggregation efforts and existing metrics related to equity. Proposed equity-related metrics. Process of evaluation of the final list of metrics.
10:20 - 10:30 AM	Break	
10:30 - 11:20 AM	Presentations: Perspectives on Equity and Metrics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duncan Callaway - Professor of Energy and Resources at UC Berkeley Energy Division <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grid Resiliency and Microgrids (Rosanne Ratkiewicz) Climate & Equity Initiatives (Meghan Cooke, Zara Jamshed) Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) - Faith Carlson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening comment from: CalCCA - Jennifer Baak Center for Biological Diversity - Roger Lin (Energy Justice Program) Hoopa Valley Public Utilities District - Linnea Jackson PODER - Christine Selig Local Energy Alliance - Jessica Tovar 	Each panelist to share: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What does an equitable DPP look like? How to define and measure equity in the DPP. Suggestions for metrics to track equity in utility distribution plans.
11:20 - 12:00 PM	Open floor discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants' reactions to presentations. Questions to presenters (IOUs and SMEs) 	Taking comment and questions from the chat and raised hands about what participants agree with, disagree, and want to add.
12:00 – 12:10 PM	Break	
12:10 - 12:50 PM	Expert Panel Discussion: Equity Challenges and Opportunities Panel discussion with subject matter experts, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metrics to evaluate equity in utility distribution plans. Practical approaches to track and measure equity improvements. 	Facilitated by Energy Division with participation from SMEs, IOUs, and the public.
12:50 – 1:00 PM	Closing Remarks and Next Steps	Summary of key takeaway, closing remarks, and next steps