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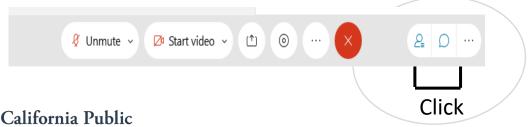
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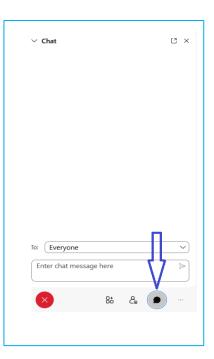
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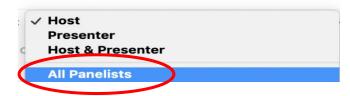


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New Energization Targets To Improve Wait Times for New and Updated Electrical Service

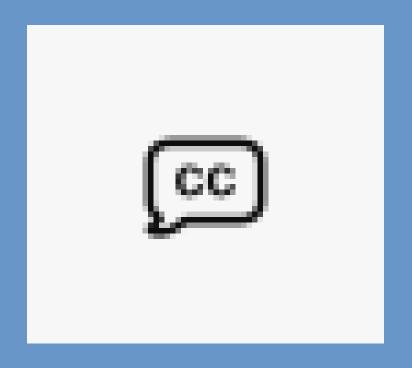


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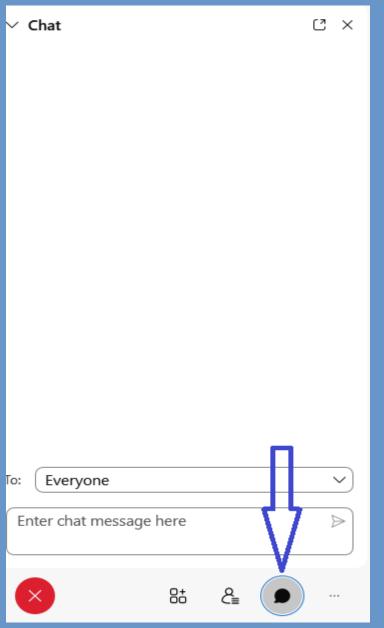


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  - Local Governments
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  - Local Business Groups
  - Other Stakeholders
- Promote two-way communication
- Help implement CPUC policies externally and help shape policy internally

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# **Program Overview**

- Opening Remarks
- Paula Gruendling, Energy Division

Presentation will review the newly established energization timelines that are designed to accelerate the process to connect homes, businesses, and other loads to the grid.

- Q&A and Discussion
- Closing Comments

# Energization OIR Phase 1 Decision: Energization Timelines and Reporting Requirements

Paula Gruendling
Supervisor - Transportation Electrification Section, Energy Division



# **Energization Timelines Decision**

# CPUC approved Decision (D.) 24-09-020 on Phase 1 of the Energization Rulemaking (R.24-01-018)

- Implements portions of the Powering Up Californians Act – Senate Bill 410 (Becker) and Assembly Bill 50 (Wood)
- Designed to expedite the process for connecting homes, businesses, and other loads to the grid
- Provides transparency to the process



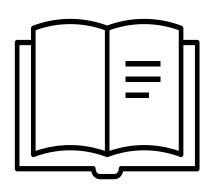
# **Energization Timelines Decision (continued)**

- The CPUC based the timelines on the utilities' historic energization data and party comments
- The timelines are triggered by a customer energization request
- Timelines are for all types of energization requests
- Timelines apply only to large CPUC regulated utilities: PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E



#### **Definitions**

- **Energization**: the process to connect new load to the distribution system
- Interconnection: the process to connect new generation facilities to the distribution system
- Average energization timeline: average number of days it should take a utility to complete the steps in the energization process under their control for any given energization request
- Maximum energization timeline: maximum number of days it should take a utility to complete the steps in the process under their control for any given energization request.



#### **More Definitions**

- **Rule 15**: standard energization tariff that covers distribution line extensions (from the primary distribution line to the secondary transformer)
- Rule 16: standard energization tariffs that cover service line extensions (from the secondary transformer to the meter)
- EV Infrastructure Rules (Rule 29/45): optional alternative to Rule 16 for customers that require a service line extension to support the energization of an EV charging project
- **Upstream Distribution Capacity Projects:** projects that address capacity deficiencies related to customer energization requests

# Adopted Timelines - Energization

Energization Type	Average Timeline (calendar days)	Maximum Timeline (calendar days)
Rule 15	182	357
Rule 16, 29/45	182	335
Rule 15 and 16/29/45	182	306
Application Decision	10	45
Main-Panel Upgrade	30	45

# Adopted Timeline – Capacity Upgrades

Type of Upgrade	Maximum Timelines (calendar days)
New or Upgraded Circuit	684
Substation Upgrade	1,021
New Substation	3,242

- Constructing a New or Upgraded Circuit
- Substation Upgrades
- New Substations

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#### Biannual Data Reports:

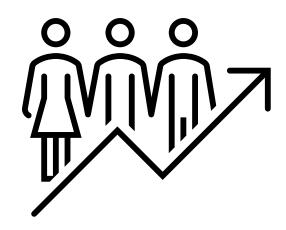
- The average time between receiving an application for energization and the completion of the request
- Reasons for any energization projects that exceed the prescribed timelines
- An analysis of constraints and obstacles impacting energization
- Reports shall be filed annually by March 31 and September 30



# Reporting (cont'd)

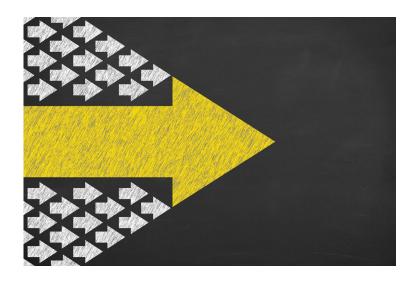
#### Tracking Progress and Customer Input:

- Utilities will create Customer Engagement Plans, which would improve customer understanding of the energization process
- Customers should begin engaging with their utility early to discuss their energization request
- Customers can file a Customer Delay Report with the CPUC if they experience delays or issues during the energization process
- More information on the reporting process can be found here: <u>Energization</u>



## Expected by End of the Year

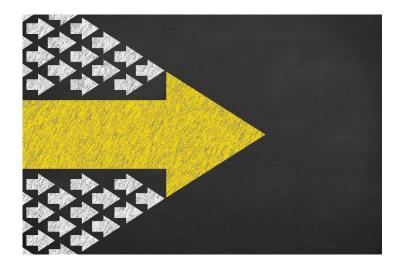
- November: utilities to submit proposed reporting template to track requirements directed by the Commission, via Advice Letter.
- November: utilities to submit proposed customer engagement plans via Advice Letter
- December: PU Code 933.5 (AB50) utilities to demonstrate they have energized at least 80% of customers with applications deemed complete by January 2023.



# Phase 2 of the Proceeding

The initial scoping memo included potential issues for Phase 2, including:

- Improvements to adopted timelines.
- Additional actions requested in the bills to support the timely energization of projects.
- No timeline set for launch of Phase 2.

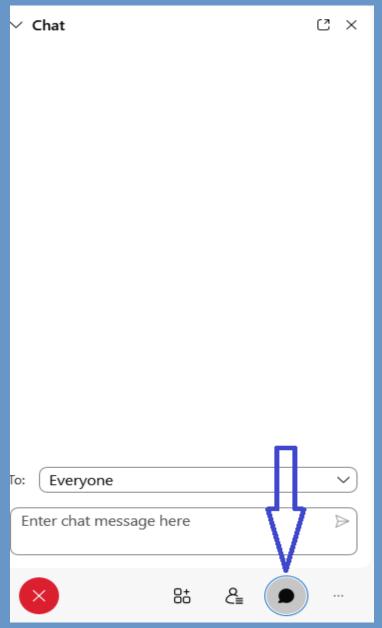


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