

CPUC Public Agenda 3493

Thursday, September 23, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Remote Presentation

Commissioners:

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- Assuring utility services are clean and safe.
- Providing for critical services and infrastructure.
- Designing rates that are fair and reasonable.
- Protecting the interests of consumers and ratepayers

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- A bell will ring when time has expired.
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 - 15 and 17
 - All items on the Closed Session Agenda

Public 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, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 26.
- 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.
- **No Item** from the Regular Agenda has 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 10** has been moved to the Regular Agenda.
- **Item 36** has been withdrawn.
- The following items have been held to future Commission Meetings:
 - **Held to 10/7/21: 3, 4, 5, 6, 11 and 25.**
 - **Held to 10/21/21: 2 and 28.**

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 final 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 Virtual Escutia Table.

Regular Agenda | Energy Orders

Item #10 [19788] – Need Assessment of Solar Consumer Assistance Fund for Net Energy Metering Customers

R.14-07-002, A.16-07-015 - Related matters.

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Develop a Successor to Existing Net Energy Metering Tariffs Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 2827.1, and to Address Other Issues Related to Net Energy Metering.

Quasi-Legislative

Comr. Guzman Aceves - Judge Kao

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Adopts a process to assess the need for an assistance fund for residential customers of the investor-owned electric utilities who have not received the expected benefits of their net energy metering solar installations either due to fraud, poor workmanship, or other violations of Contractors License Law, and where no other administrative remedy for consumer financial assistance is available.
- Closes the proceeding.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this decision.

Regular Agenda | Energy Orders (continued)

Item #27 [19785] – Energy Efficiency Goals for 2022-2032

R.13-11-005

Order Instituting Rulemaking Concerning Energy Efficiency Rolling Portfolios, Policies, Programs, Evaluation, and Related Issues.

Ratesetting

Comr. Shiroma - Judge Kao

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Adopts energy efficiency goals for 2022-2032 and associated implementation details.
- Provides updated guidance for 2022-2023 budget advice letters and 2024-2027 portfolio applications.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

ESTIMATED COST:

- No cost recovery is authorized by the proposed decision; the adopted goals will inform future cost recovery requests by the large investor-owned utilities.

Regular Agenda | Wildfire Safety Resolutions and Reports

Item #28 [19767] – Action of the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety on Pacific Gas and Electric Company's 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan Update Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 8386

Res WSD-021

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Ratifies the attached action of the Wildfire Safety Division to approve the 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Update of Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- WMP's articulate an electrical corporation's understanding of its utility-related wildfire risk and the proposed actions to reduce that risk and prevent catastrophic wildfires caused by utility infrastructure. By implementing measures such as vegetation management, system hardening, grid topology improvements, improving asset inspection and maintenance, situational awareness, improving community engagement and awareness, and other measures, utility-related catastrophic wildfire risk should be reduced over time.

ESTIMATED COST:

- Costs are not considered in this Resolution, as Public Utilities Code Section 8386.4 (b) provides for Commission cost review in a utility General Rate Case or, in some cases, a separate application. Nothing in this Resolution should be construed as approval of the costs associated with the WMP mitigation efforts.

Determination on Pacific Gas and Electric Company's 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan Update

Voting Meeting 23 September, 2021



Context

Purpose of today is to provide an overview of the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety's (Energy Safety's) evaluation and determination of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Update.



Evaluation of WMPs

Energy Safety's purpose is to ensure utilities develop and implement a long-term strategy to reduce utility-caused wildfire risk.

Our primary vehicle to execute our mission is the oversight of utilities' WMPs. This oversight has two primary components: the review and approval or denial of the utilities' forward-looking WMPs and compliance actions to ensure the utilities act according to approved WMPs.

The 2021 WMP Guidelines raised the bar on the level of data and justification utilities are expected to provide.

OFFICE OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY



2021 WMP Evaluation Framework

- **Progress:** areas where the utility has demonstrated year-over-year progress.
- **Critical Issues:** areas of significant concern that may lead to denial of a WMP if not addressed.
- **Key Areas for Improvement:** areas of high priority, if left unaddressed, could rise to the level of a critical issue.
- **Additional Issues:** areas of lower priority.

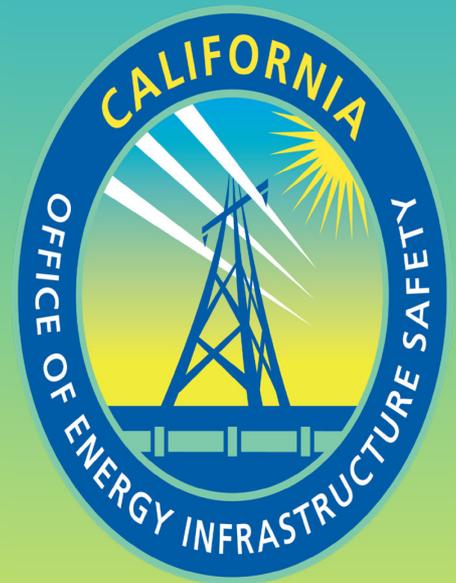




PG&E's 2021 WMP Evaluation

Summary of Energy Safety's evaluation of PG&E's 2021 WMP Update

1. PG&E has demonstrated sufficient year-over-year progress to warrant an approval of the plan.
2. Energy Safety identified 29 key areas for improvement and a further 29 additional issues.
3. PG&E's key areas for improvement do not rise to the threshold of a denial.

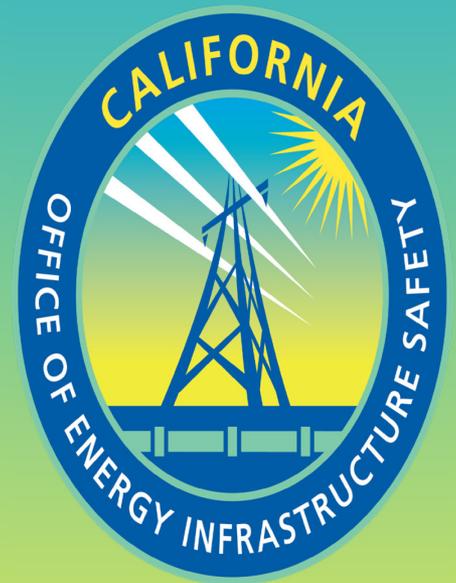


Areas of Progress

PG&E's 2021 WMP Update:

1. Demonstrates an improved understanding of the underlying utility-caused wildfire risks the company faces across its service territory.
2. Presents a more targeted approach to mitigating those risks.
3. Adopts a foundational change in its organizational structure and system.

These improvements combined will position the company to make better risk-informed decisions over time.



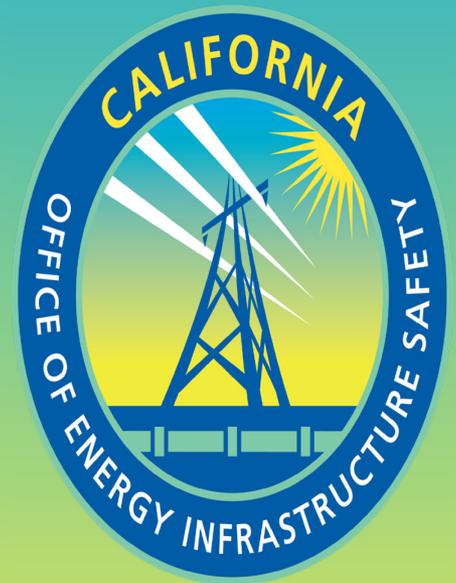
Key Areas for Improvement

- There are many areas where PG&E can and must improve.
- Energy Safety has identified specific remedies that PG&E must implement going forward.
- We require updates from PG&E on its progress both on November 1, 2021, and when PG&E submits its 2022 WMP Update in February 2022.



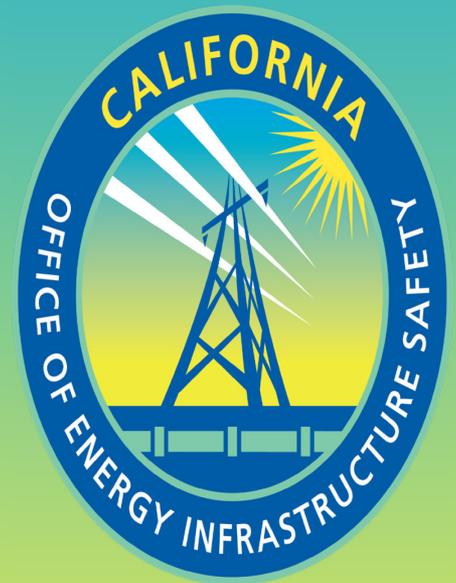
Undergrounding Proposal

- PG&E publicly announced that it intends to underground 10,000 miles of its distribution powerlines.
- PG&E did not submit any information on this proposal as part of its 2021 WMP Update.
- Approval of PG&E's 2021 WMP Update is not an approval of this undergrounding proposal.
- If PG&E intends to implement its undergrounding proposals then, Energy Safety expects PG&E to include these plans within its 2022 WMP Update and we will evaluate them at that time.



Public Comments

- Recommendations from the Wildfire Safety Advisory Board received in April and taken into account in the WMP evaluation process.
- Public comments on the draft Action Statement received in August and taken into consideration when finalizing the Action Statement.



QUESTIONS?





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Regular Agenda | Communication Resolutions and Reports

Item #29 [19787] – Grant Funding from the California Advanced Services Fund up to \$3,081,541.09 for Charter Communications, LLC Darlene Road and Mountain Shadows Projects; and Citizens Telecommunications of California dba Frontier Communications of California Crescent City Project

Res T-17747

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Enables broadband access of at least 50 Megabits per second (Mbps) download and 50 Mbps upload to a total of 125 unserved households in Ventura, San Bernardino, and Del Norte Counties.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- The California Advanced Services Fund program encourages deployment of broadband throughout the State to enable the public to access Internet-based safety applications, telehealth services, emergency services, and to allow first responders to communicate with each other and collaborate during emergencies.

ESTIMATED COST:

- \$3,081,541.09.

Agenda Item 29:

Resolution T-17747: Approves up to \$3,081,541.09 from the California Advanced Services Fund for the Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account applications of Charter for the Darlene Road Project and Mountain Shadows Mobile Home Community Project; and Frontier Communications for the Crescent City Project.

Communications Division Presentation

Robert B. Osborn



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Resolution Overview

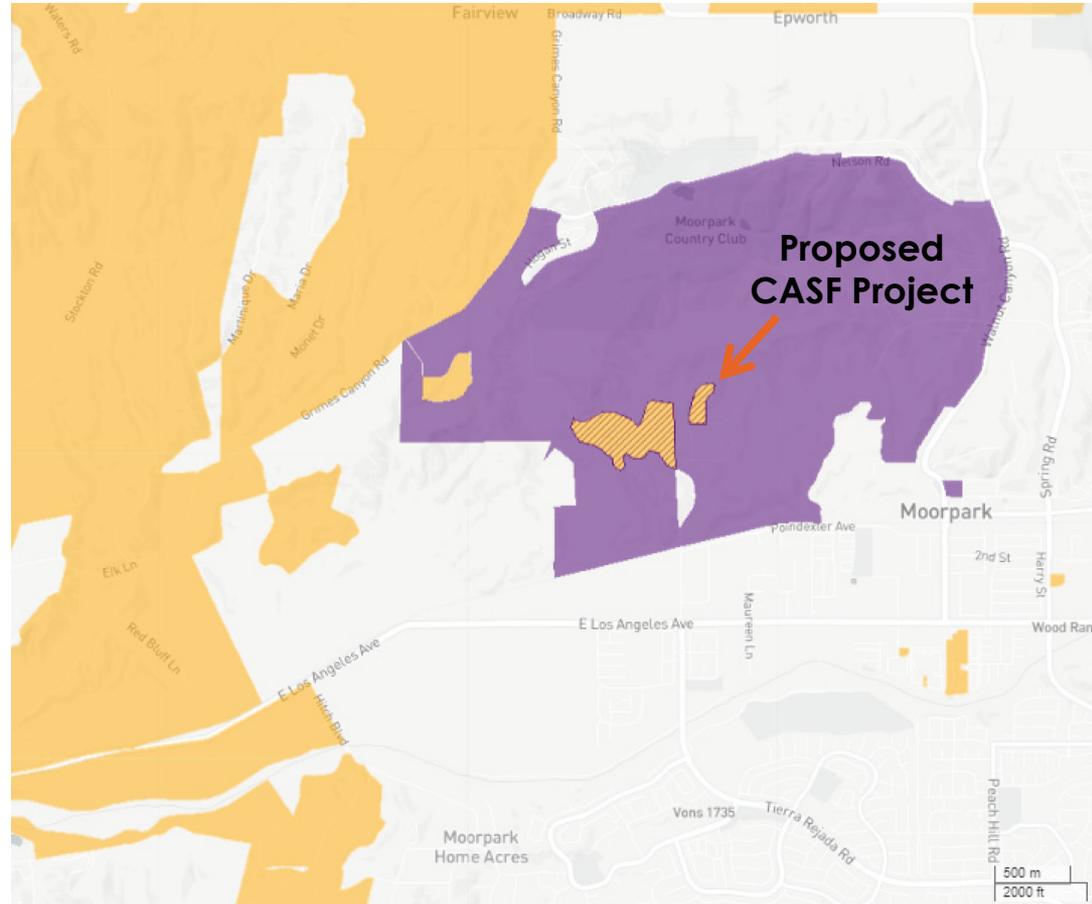
This Resolution approves grant funding in the amount of up to \$3,081,541.09 from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account (Infrastructure Account) for the grant applications of Charter Communications and Frontier Communications.

Collectively, these projects will serve 125 households.

Company	Charter	Charter	Frontier
Project Location	Darlene Road, City of Moorpark, Ventura County	Mountain Shadows, City of Highland, San Bernardino County	Crescent City, Del Norte County
Grant Amount	\$705,410.15	\$1,878,703.50	\$497,427.44
Percentage Funded	86.7%	100%	100%
Technology	Hybrid Fiber Coaxial Download: 940 Mbps Upload: 35 Mbps	Hybrid Fiber Coaxial Download: 940 Mbps Upload: 35 Mbps	FTTP (Gig Service) Download: 940 Mbps Upload: 880 Mbps
How many served	6	101	18
Median Household Income of Area	\$142,969	\$55,109	\$30,901

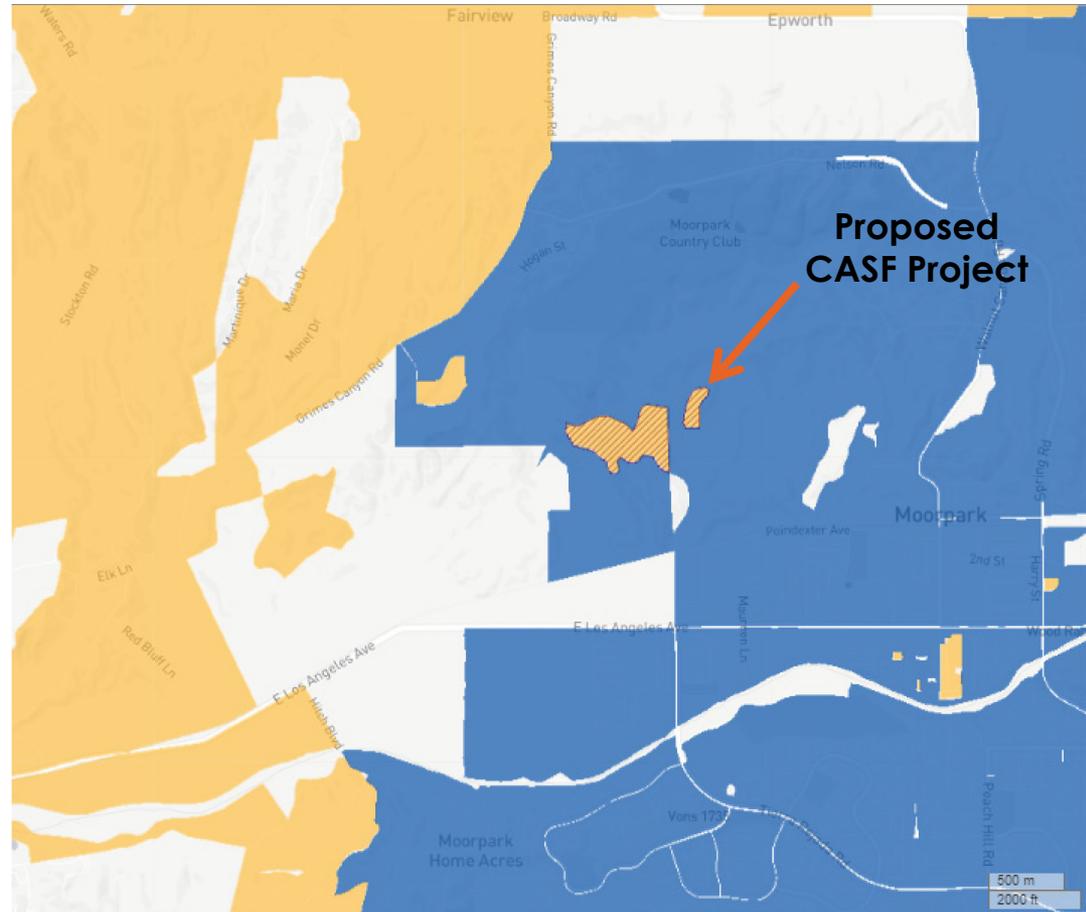
Charter – Darlene Road

- Purple shaded areas are where **AT&T** currently offers:
 - Maximum Advertised Speed: **1000/1000 Mbps**
Technology Type: **Fiber to the End User**
- Striped area is the proposed CASF Project
- Yellow areas do not have broadband service at 6/1 Mbps (i.e., CASF eligible)



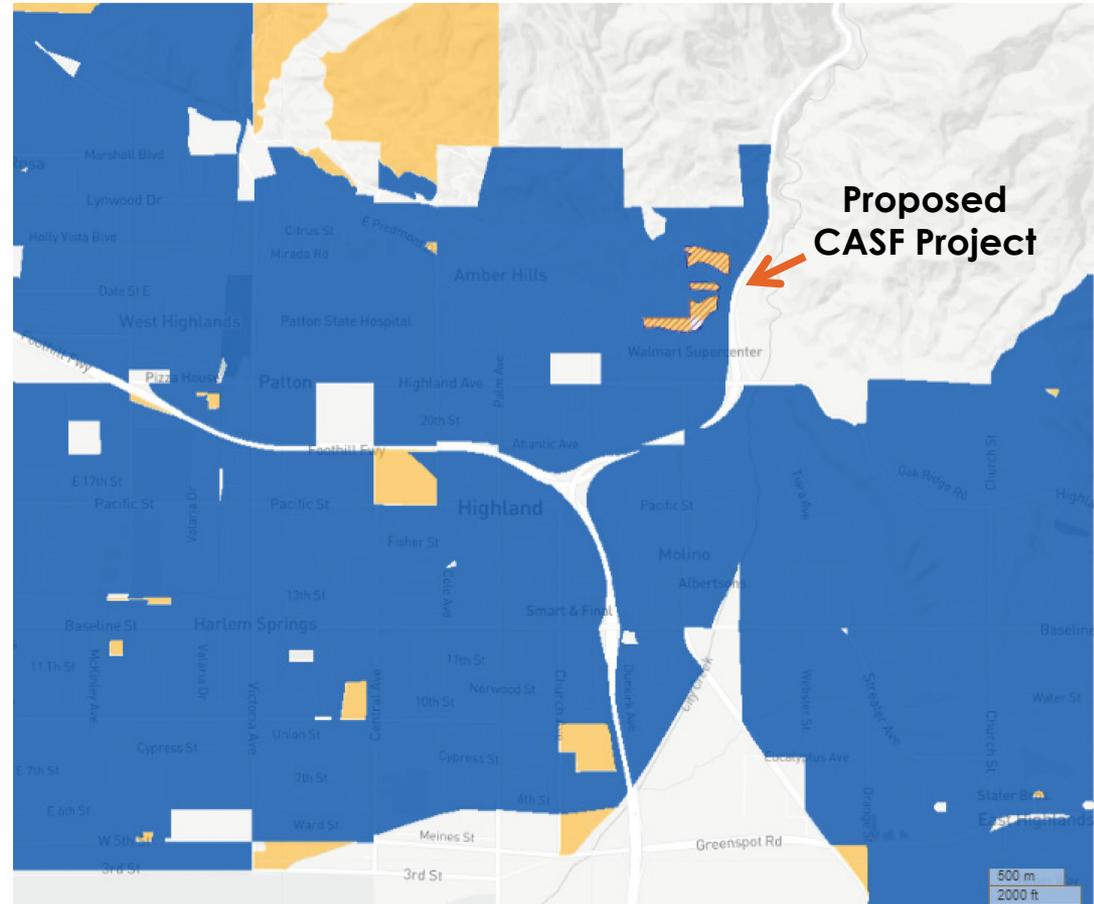
Charter – Darlene Road

- Blue shaded areas are where **Charter** currently offers:
 - Maximum Advertised Speed: **940/35 Mbps**
 - Technology Type: **Hybrid Fiber Coax (Cable Modem DOCSIS 3.1)**
- Striped area is the proposed CASF Project
- Yellow areas do not have broadband service at 6/1 Mbps (i.e., CASF eligible)



Charter – Mountain Shadows

- Blue shaded areas are where **Charter** currently offers:
 - Maximum Advertised Speed: **940/35 Mbps**
 - Technology Type: **Hybrid Fiber Coax (Cable Modem DOCSIS 3.1)**
- Striped area is the proposed CASF Project
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Frontier – Crescent City

- Blue shaded areas are where **Charter** currently offers:
 - Maximum Advertised Speed: **940/35 Mbps**
 - Technology Type: **Hybrid Fiber Coax (Cable Modem DOCSIS 3.1)**
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ESTIMATED COST:

- \$3,081,541.09.

Regular Agenda | Orders Extending Statutory Deadline

Item #30 [19818] – Order Extending Statutory Deadline

A.19-07-004

Application of California-American Water Company for Authorization to Increase its Revenues for Water Service by \$25,999,900 or 10.60% in the year 2021, by \$9,752,500 or 3.59% in the year 2022, and by \$10,754,500 or 3.82% in the year 2023.

Ratesetting

Comr. Shiroma - Judge Sisto

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Extends Statutory Deadline for completion of this proceeding until December 31, 2021.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

Regular Agenda | Orders Extending Statutory Deadline (continued)

Item #31 [19822] – Order Extending Statutory Deadline

R.18-04-019

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider Strategies and Guidance for Climate Change Adaptation.

Quasi-Legislative

Comr. Houck - Judge Poirier

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Extends Statutory Deadline for completion of this proceeding until December 30, 2022.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

Regular Agenda | Orders Extending Statutory Deadline (continued)

Item #32 [19826] – Order Extending Statutory Deadline

A.18-08-010

Application of the City of Lone for a public road crossing at the extension of Foothill Boulevard and Mile Post No.0.84 of the Amador Central Railroad (AMC) Recreational Railroad – Coalition Historical Society (RRCHS), City of Lone, County of Amador, State of California.

Ratesetting

Comr. Houck - Judge Ferguson

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Extends Statutory Deadline for completion of this proceeding until February 28, 2022.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

Regular Agenda | Orders Extending Statutory Deadline (continued)

Item #33 [19836] – Order Extending Statutory Deadline

R.14-07-002, A.16-07-015 - Related matters.

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Develop a Successor to Existing Net Energy Metering Tariffs Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 2827.1, and to Address Other Issues Related to Net Energy Metering.

Ratesetting

Comr. Guzman Aceves - Judge Doherty - Judge Kao

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Extends Statutory Deadline for completion of this proceeding until December 1, 2021.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

Regular Agenda | Orders Extending Statutory Deadline (continued)

Item #34 [19837] – Order Extending Statutory Deadline

A.20-09-019

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for recovery of recorded expenditures related to wildfire mitigation and catastrophic events, as well as other recorded costs.

Ratesetting

Comr. Batjer - Judge Nojan

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Extends the Statutory Deadline for the issuance of a proposed decision pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 8386.4(b)(2) to April 1, 2022.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

Regular Agenda | Orders Extending Statutory Deadline (continued)

Item #35 [19845] – Order Extending Statutory Deadline

A.20-03-016

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval of Gas Demand Pilot Program.

Ratesetting

Comr. Guzman Aceves - Judge Ayoade

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Extends Statutory Deadline for completion of this proceeding until September 29, 2022.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this Order Extending Statutory Deadline.

Management Reports



Commissioners' Reports



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The CPUC thanks you for participating in today's meeting

The next Public Meeting will be:

October 7, 2021

10:00 a.m.

remote





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