



# The Council's Policy Call

March 19, 2021



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# → Today's Agenda

## Council News

- Spring Symposium
- IOU Business Forums
- Member Working Group Report
- What's Coming Up
- Capitol Update

## Issues/Topics

- Emergency Reliability Proceeding (Greg)
- CPUC Ruling on Repts for Program Changes (Serj)
- CAEECC Quarterly (Serj)

# ➤ Get Ready ... Spring Symposium is just around the corner!

- May 6, 13 & 20; Noon to 1:30 each day; Zoom webinar
- This year's theme will focus taking action centered on three major topics:
  - Cost-Effectiveness Reform: Best Practices & Methods
  - Demand Response at the Crossroads
  - Aligning Climate Policy with Social Justice
- We are developing the agenda and recruiting speakers
  - Check our [website](#) for agenda and speaker updates
- Registration is now available! Click [here](#) to register

## Virtual Spring Symposium

2021 Vision: Taking Action  
Tools & Tactics to Make an Impact

May 6, 13 and 20, 2021  
12-1:30PM each day

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- Sponsorships are available; please contact Greg for more information

# ➤ Announcing DR-Focused IOU Business Forums

- Hear about new developments/plans from your utility clients, explore future opportunities, and participate in engaging dialogue
- Agenda:
  - Plans for upcoming DR program filings
  - Integrating DR/DER activities into grid ops
- Mark these dates:
  - PG&E: April 14; 11am-Noon
  - SCE: April 20; 11am-Noon
  - SDG&E: April 29; 2-2:30pm
- Webinar information [here](#)



**Business  
Forum**

# ➤ Member Working Group Report

Working Group	Meeting Frequency	Staff Lead
Solicitations	Monthly	Greg
Custom Review	Monthly	Greg
Capitol	Bi-monthly	Serj
Federal Legislation	Bi-monthly	Greg
NMEC	Monthly	Greg
Market Transformation	Monthly	Serj
DR Regulatory	As Needed	Greg
DR Action Plan	Monthly	Greg
Cost-Effectiveness	Monthly	Serj
CAISO Advocacy	Monthly	Greg

- All WG meeting notes are available on the Members-only section of [www.cedmc.org](http://www.cedmc.org).
- All members are welcome to join any working group; contact Greg, Serj or Mary.

# ➤ What's Coming Up?

- **SCE Public Workshop for Commercial Behavioral Program Draft Implementation Plan**
  - March 24<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 10 am
  - [Microsoft Teams link](#)
  - Dial-in: +1 213-297-0156; Conference ID: 437 662 199#
- **SCE Public Workshop for Residential Behavioral Program Draft Implementation Plan**
  - March 24<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 11 am
  - [Microsoft Teams link](#)
  - Dial-in: Telephone: (213) 297-0156; Conference ID: 181094434#
- **CPUC Emerging Technologies Program Technology to Portfolio Evaluation Draft Report Webinar**
  - March 25<sup>th</sup>, 11 am – noon
  - [WebEx link](#)
  - Meeting Number: 182 838 8548 / Passcode: 2m7QweZBUd4
  - Telephone: (408) 418-9388 / Access Code: 182 838 8548 / Passcode: 26779392
  - Parties can comment on this [draft evaluation](#) during public comment period is from 3/1-4/1 (NOTE THE NEW DATE)
- **SCE Clean Energy Optimization Pilot (CEOP) Stakeholder Engagement Meeting**
  - March 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 11 am
  - [Microsoft teams link](#)
  - Telephone: (213) 297-0156 / Access Code: 957 707 929
- **PG&E Implementation Plans new 3P Commercial programs: Advanced Energy Program for the High Tech and Biotech Industries (AEP), Healthcare Energy Fitness Initiative (HEFI), and NetOne.**
  - March 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 11 am
  - [Microsoft teams link](#)
  - +1 415-906-0873,,497672841#

# ➤ What's Coming Up?

## Upcoming Solicitations

- Energy efficiency program third-party solicitation information and links found on the CAEECC [Website](#).
- **SDG&E Residential Sector – Single-Family RFA**
  - All Bidders are required to register in Power Advocate to access the RFA documents, submit questions, and submit a Residential Single-Family Program Abstract. Bidders can register in Power Advocate using the following URL: <https://www.poweradvocate.com>)
  - Additional information [available here](#)
- **Market Transformation Administrator (MTA) RFP – RELEASED**
  - RFP released on March 10<sup>th</sup>
  - PG&E is RFP manager
  - Details available in Power Advocate
  - Pre-bid conference: April 7, 2021, 9 – 11 am
  - Deadline for responses: June 30, 2021 @ 3 pm
  - Expected Advice Letter submission for MTA: November 2021

## Notable Regulatory Documents

- **CPUC EM&V Quarterly presentations and other materials available [here](#)**
  - Please note: Council staff will provide an overview of this meeting during our monthly EM&V call at 9:30 am on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>
- **CEC AB 841 [Revised Staff Draft Guidelines School Reopening Ventilation and Energy Efficiency Verification and Repair Program Guidelines](#)**
  - Comments on Revised Draft Guidelines due Friday, March 26, 2021 ([comment notice here](#))



# → Capitol Update from Our Lobbyists



Erin Niemela

Tiffany Phan



# Emergency Reliability Proceeding Update

- On March 5, the CPUC issued a [PD](#) directing the electric IOUs to take actions to prepare for potential extreme weather in 2021 and 2022.
- The Council participated in this proceeding by forming a coalition of DR providers, including members plus other DR providers (Tesla, NRG Energy, and Voltus)
  - Through the DR Coalition, we submitted proposals via [opening testimony](#) (1/11), [rebuttal testimony](#) (1/19), [opening brief](#) (2/5), and [reply brief](#) (2/12)
  - We had an [ex parte](#) meeting with President Batjer's office on 2/26 highlighting and proactively advocating for our proposals
- The PD largely adopts a number of the IOU's DR program proposals and also adopts the ED's ELRP proposal
- Unfortunately, the PD completely dismisses all of our proposals
  - We filed [opening comments](#) on March 15 expressing our extreme disappointment about the process and reaffirming the majority of our proposals
  - Oral arguments were held earlier today; representing the DR Coalition, I gave a 3-minute statement largely outlining our points from the opening comments and reiterating our support/opposition to various positions from other parties
  - Reply comments are due today; the DR Coalition has decided not to file replies
- On March 16, the CEC hosted a DR stakeholder roundtable meeting where ED seemed to have no awareness of why so many parties were disappointed w/ PD

# CPUC Ruling on Requirements for Program Changes

- **[Ruling](#)** explores value of requiring an Advice Letter instead of an Implementation Plan addendum under certain criteria
  - Ruling seeks comments on criteria the CPUC should adopt for delineating between:
    - (1) program changes that require staff approval via advice letter submission
    - (2) program changes that only require an Implementation Plan addendum.
- **CEDMC met with all four IOUs ahead of comments, found strong alignment**
- **CEDMC filed [Opening Comments](#) on Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>**
  - Emphasized need to minimize administrative burden
  - Advice Letters should be required in only the most extreme cases (e.g. new program)
  - Implementation plan addenda preferred, but programs should be allowed a period of at least one year prior to requiring implementation plan addenda
  - Noted alignment with IOUs in comments (without characterizing their positions)
- **Reply Comments filed March 17<sup>th</sup>**
  - Validated IOUs' position that current process not broken, need to minimize administrative burden is critical
  - Underscored importance of treating electric and gas measures equally, in response to Sierra Club's assertion that programs targeting gas appliances should require AL

## ➤ CAEECC Quarterly – 3/17

- **Quarterly full meeting of CAEECC took place on Wednesday**
  - Topics included updates on the CAEECC Market Transformation, Underserved, and 3P Solicitation Working Groups, along with 2021 CAEECC administrative planning
- **CPUC staff: “no CPUC action” often expected in response to CAEECC**
- **IOU 3P Solicitation update provided on slides 15 – 19 of this presentation**
- **Conflict of interest discussion**
  - Discussion of conflict of interest touched on certain parties being excluded discussions for COI reasons, e.g. excluding implementers from project-specific discussions
  - The Council voiced concern over this and will be contributing to any COI revisions
- **CPUC ED posed numerous last-minute questions on filing process**
  - Follows CPUC Ruling on CAEECC member working group portfolio reform proposal
  - PD forthcoming on metrics for goals, portfolio segmentation, rolling portfolio reform
  - Applications likely to be for PY2024, questions around 2022–2023 transition years
  - 6-9 months minimum necessary after PD for business plans
  - PAO wants sufficient time for meaningful application budget review
  - 1.0 TRC (and eventually 1.25) a key discussion item, particularly related to COVID
  - Potential for the CPUC to approve two-year ABALs at one time
  - Second PD to be released in summer for P&G study

## → Discussion and Q&A

# Thank you!

*Please contact us if you have any questions.*

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