

# The Council's Policy Call

April 2, 2021



*Advancing Our Clean Economy*

# → Today's Agenda

## Council News

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

## Issues/Topics

- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Update (Greg)
- CPUC Financing Proceeding (Special Guest Mark Shahinian-Gridium)
- Emergency Reliability Proceeding (Greg)

# ➔ 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

- Sponsorships are available; please contact Greg for more information

# DR-Focused IOU Business Forums: Mark your calendars!

- 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?

- **California Statewide Commercial and Industrial Wants and Needs Study Webinar**
  - April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 – 11:30 am
  - [Microsoft Teams link](#)
  - (321) 558-7762; Phone Conference ID: 226490865#
- **Small/Medium Commercial Sector Webinar for Draft Impact Report**
  - April 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 11:30 am
  - [Microsoft Teams link](#)
  - (469) 526-4008; Phone Conference ID: 570575799#
- **Workshop on Non-IOU CPP Programs and Alternative Load Shedding Programs**
  - April 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 11:30 am
  - [Microsoft Teams link](#)
  - Dial-in: +1 415-906-0873; Conference ID: 966241048#
- **LBNL Webinar – Calling All Resources for Utility Procurements**
  - April 8<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 11 am
  - [Registration Link](#)
  - Telephone: (213) 297-0156 / Access Code: 957 707 929
  - A new Berkeley Lab report, [All-Source Competitive Solicitations: State and Electric Utility Practices](#)
- **Implementation plan for the Statewide Midstream Water Heating Program webinar**
  - April 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 11 am
  - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **SCE RCI and Statewide Lighting solicitations workshop**
  - April 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 11 am
  - RSVP details forthcoming, RSVP required by Friday, April 9, 2021

# > What's Coming Up?

## Upcoming Solicitations

- **EE program third-party solicitation information and links found on the CAEECC [Website](#).**
- **Partnership Pilot and Standard Offer Contract Pilot Proposals due**
  - The CPUC invites party proposals on evaluation criteria for the Partnership Pilot and Standard Offer Contract Pilot pursuant to Ordering Paragraphs 5 and 6 of [D.21-02-006](#) (Decision Adopting Pilots to Test Two Frameworks for Procurement DERs that Avoid or Defer Utility Capital Investments). The purpose of the evaluation criteria is to track procurement and measure performance of the two Pilots to support evaluation of the pilots as discussed in D.21-02-006. The due dates for these proposals are as follows:
    - April 9: Party Proposals due
    - April 16: Reply Comments due
    - May 4: Energy Division facilitated workshop
    - June 3: Joint IOU Tier 1 Advice Letter due
- **SoCalGas RFA for the Industrial Solicitation**
  - Bidders Abstracts Due April 23, 2021
  - All Bidders are required to register in [PowerAdvocate](#) to access the RFA documents

## Regulatory Documents of interest

- **Comments on Scope of Update for Database of Energy Efficiency Resources for program year 2023 (DEER2023)**
  - Comments due April 15
  - Database of Energy Efficiency Resources (DEER 2023) Scoping Document is available on March 31, 2021 at: <https://pda.energydataweb.com>.
  - Comments can be filed [here](#)

# → Capitol Update from Our Lobbyists



Erin Niemela

Tiffany Phan



# → Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Update

- Over the past several months, the Council has moved forward implementing a number of DE&I initiatives:
  - Conducting best practice research and data collection from members
  - Expanding our leadership to reflect racial diversity
  - Enhancing our member services to include DE&I information and resources
  - Developing strategic partnerships to broaden member services
  - Revisiting how we categorize members categories and assess additional designations
- We also have engaged the services of member company Guidehouse to develop as a pro bono consulting assignment a DE&I Strategic Roadmap:
  - Implement DE&I priorities into the Council's charter, mission, and purpose.
  - Develop a strategy to enable the Council to foster a more diverse and equitable workforce within the industry.
  - Identify potential funding sources that will enable the Council pursue the DE&I strategy.
- The engagement will be completed by June and the Council plans to update our Strategic Plan afterwards; we will update the members on developments at that time.



# ➤ CPUC Financing Proceeding

- **Clean Energy Finance Proceeding ([R 20-08-022](#))**
- **Scope: Very broad**
  - Residential and commercial
  - Finance
  - Clean distributed technologies, no constraints currently (i.e. everything is in)
- **Timing:**
  - Track 1 (CAEATFA CHEEF Programs): Mar-Aug 2021
  - Track 2 (Existing programs): May 2021 to Q3 2021
  - Track 3 (New program proposals): Q3/Q4 2021 to Q3 2022
- **Implications:**
  - Major move toward financing and opportunity to shape program rules
  - Will be some elbow rubbing with other implementers focused on non-efficiency non-DR clean distributed technologies
  - Could have wide implications: much of the utility bill could end up financing distributed energy projects

# ➤ Emergency Reliability Proceeding

- On March 23, the CPUC issued a revised [PD](#) making a number of modifications to the 3/5 PD.
- The Council participated in this proceeding by forming a coalition of DR providers, including members plus other DR providers (Tesla, NRG, 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
  - We filed [opening comments](#) (3/15) to reaffirm our proposals
- On March 19, the CPUC held a hearing attended by all Commissioners; Greg [testified](#) on behalf of the DR Coalition.
- While the revised PD still largely dismisses most of our proposals, here are some positive outcomes:
  - They are keeping the proceeding open, which will enable consideration of party proposals, in an additional phase of this proceeding
  - BIP: Modified enrollment requirements to accommodate partial year participation
  - CBP: Approved PG&E/SCE higher incentives and PG&E weekend option
  - ELRP: Various improvements including triggers and testing requirements
  - Baselines: They are ordering IOUs to consider new proposed baseline methods
  - Residential Rewards: Adopted PG&E’s pilot - good news for smart thermostat providers
- While we can’t claim total victory, we are encouraged that some revisions will lead to a greater role for DR providers.

## → Discussion and Q&A

# Thank you!

*Please contact us if you have any questions.*

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