

The Council's Policy Call

February 18, 2022



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→ Today's Agenda

Council News

- Goodbye Serj!
- Member Working Group Report
- What's Coming Up?
- Upcoming Solicitations
- Capitol Update

Issues/Topics

- Market Access Program Advice Letters (Serj)
- SoCalGas Penalty Decisions, Implications (Greg)

→ Goodbye Serj!

- After more than 2 years as the Council's Director of Policy & Strategy (and 10 years as a member!), Serj Berelson will be moving on to a new opportunity
- Serj has been a huge force for positive change through his passionate advocacy on behalf of our resources
- We especially appreciated Serj's focus and good natured humor during these difficult times over the past 2 years
- This organization will never be the same and will forever be grateful for Serj's steadfast dedication and all of his great contributions
- But as they say, the show must go on. We are in the search process for Serj's replacement. Please find the [job description here](#) and share with your networks!



➤ Member Working Group Report

Member Working Group	Meeting Cadence	Update
Capitol	Biweekly	2/16: Updates on DER parity and DR low income budgetary asks and progress with various member offices
Cost-Effectiveness	Monthly	
Custom Review	Monthly	2/9: We discussed ways in which custom process challenges can be looked in the same way that NMEC is now being treated (through a stakeholder process); We are trying to schedule meetings with ED and IOUs to review issues
DR Policy	Monthly	
DR Regulatory	As Needed	
Federal	Monthly	
Market Transformation	Monthly	<i>Note: This working group is on hold and will resume once the MTA is on board</i>
NMEC	Monthly	
Solicitations	Monthly	

➤ What's Coming Up?

Upcoming Events

- **PG&E Home Energy Reports 2020 Energy and Demand Savings Early M&V draft final report**
 - February 23, 11 am – noon
 - [Microsoft Teams](#)
- **Database for Energy Efficient Resources (DEER) Transition to EnergyPlus Modeling Software Webinar**
 - February 23, 1 – 2 pm
 - [WebEx](#); (415) 655-0002 / Access Code: 24872184338#
- **NewsData and CJB Energy Economics Webinar: Western Electric System Transformation: Connecting The WEST**
 - February 24 –25
 - [Registration](#)
- **SDG&E Program Closure webinar – Small Commercial Program**
 - March 1, 10 am; (858) 284-1506 / Access Code: 519525287#
 - [Microsoft Teams](#)
- **SoCalREN 2024-2031 Energy Efficiency Business Plan Application Public Webinar**
 - March 9, 9 am – noon
 - [Microsoft Teams](#); (323) 776-6996 / Access Code: 472574088#
- **California Energy Efficiency Coordinating Committee (CAEECC) Quarterly Meeting**
 - March 10, 9 am – 1 pm
 - [WebEx](#); [meeting materials](#)
- **Workshop on Proposals for New Financing Programs**
 - March 25, time and webinar details TBD

➤ What's Coming Up?

Notable Regulatory Documents

- **Supplier Diversity [Proposed Decision](#) released 2/9/22**
 - In accordance with SB 255, this decision revises the CPUC's Supplier Diversity Program set forth in General Order 156 to incorporate CCAs and electric service providers
 - The decision also incorporates a voluntary procurement goal for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) business enterprises and adds a new group of business enterprises, those owned and controlled by persons with disabilities.
 - Additionally, this decision adopts workforce and board diversity reporting and makes other program revisions to reflect recent Commission decisions on the Supplier Diversity Program.
- **[Feedback Survey](#) from Jan 31 EE 3P Solicitations Semi-Annual Stakeholder Forum**
- **[NMEC Working Group Consolidated Doc](#)**
 - Consolidated working group document soliciting input on key NMEC issues ahead of next working group meeting, which takes place...
 - March 2, 1 - 2:30pm: Last NMEC meeting to present report outline and summary for input and feedback (meeting invite forthcoming)
 - March 21: Estimated Final Report release
- **[Final BUILD Evaluation Plan, First Edition](#)**
 - Evaluation plan finalized after draft plan posted and comments received
 - There are three overarching goals for the BUILD Evaluation Plan, First Edition: (1) to evaluate effectiveness of the BUILD program's implementation, (2) to evaluate program impacts in terms of GHG savings, utility bill savings, energy savings, non-energy impacts, and cost-effectiveness, and (3) to evaluate BUILD program's long term market impact.

➤ Upcoming Solicitations

- **SoCalGas RFP released for Third-Party Marketplace Solicitation**
 - Response deadline – February 25, 2022
 - Additional details available in PowerAdvocate
- **CEC Building Decarbonization & EE Compliance Strategies Development RFQ**
 - Deadline to submit Statement of Qualifications – March 1, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.
 - Registration process and pre-qualification requirements info can be found [here](#)
- **SoCalGas Energy Savings Assistance Program (Basic/Plus) – RFQ**
 - Target to release – February 25, 2022 (Subject to Change)
 - All bidders are required to register in [PowerAdvocate](#) to access the RFQ documents, submit questions, and submit the response to the RFQ “#131064 – SoCalGas Energy Savings Assistance Program (Basic/Plus) - Request for Qualification (RFQ)”
- **IOU ESA [solicitation schedule](#) released**
 - Additional details available on the [CAEECC website](#)
- **EE program third-party solicitation information and links found on the CAEECC [Website](#).**

→ Capitol Update from Our Lobbyists



Erin Niemela



Tiffany Phan

➤ Market Access Program ALs

- **PAs filed their MAP advice letters on 2/7**
 - [PG&E advice letter](#); [SCE advice letter](#); [SDG&E advice letter](#); [MCE advice letter](#)
 - Responses/protests to these ALs are due February 28th

PA	PG&E	SCE	SDG&E	MCE
<i>Budget</i>	\$25M	\$60M	\$22.8M	\$6M
<i>Goals</i>	8,326 kW (peak) 9551 (net peak) 27 GWh TSB: \$30M	5,854 kW (peak) 7,843 (net peak) TSB: \$49M	3,200 kW (peak) 5000 (net peak) TSB: \$23.3M	1,122 kW (peak) 1357 (net peak) 4.58 GWh TSB: \$6M

- **ALs filed somewhat idiosyncratically, with approach differing across PAs**
 - PG&E using eligibility screening/tracking projects to MAP that don't neatly fit EE portfolio
 - MCE looking at new aggregators, new solutions, increased volume
 - SDG&E only looking at measures/methodologies that are incremental to their EE portfolio
 - SCE is identifying specific populations to be treated by vendors and aggregators, especially those who have not historically pursued or had available significant savings opportunities
 - MCE and PG&E are offering dual enrollment with DR programs (though not much detail given on mechanics of how this will operate)
- **Solicitations may be forthcoming, but likely not consistently across PAs**

→ SCG Penalty Decisions, Implications

- **CPUC Decisions penalizing SoCalGas for illegal advocacy efforts**
 - CPUC issues [Presiding Officers' Decision](#) imposing a \$9.8M penalty for illegal advocacy Codes & Standards activities in 2018
 - Separately, on February 9, Commissioner Rechtschaffen issued a [Decision Different](#) following the original [Presiding Officers Decision](#) issued in April concerning the penalties and other remedies that should be imposed on Southern California Gas Company for codes and standards advocacy activities during 2013–2017.
 - This imposes a \$150,000 fine and return of funds to ratepayers. In response, ALJ Kao issued a [Modified Presiding Officer's Decision](#), largely accepting the changes made in Commissioner Rechtschaffen's Decision Different.
- **This penalty structure may have implications for EE implementers...**
 - We worry that these types of penalties will be increasingly imposed and may extend to third-party implementers in the future
 - Any penalties on PAs may be passed on to 3Ps through even more onerous contracting requirements
 - PAs may be less inclined to pursue innovative program designs by 3P implementers for fear of being penalized
 - Is anybody else worried about this development?

→ Discussion and Q&A

Thank You!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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We'll be sending Serj off in style later today at 5pm at Fog City Diner in San Francisco – Please join us!

