

The Council's Policy Call

July 22, 2022



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→ Today's Agenda

Council News

- Welcome New Member!
- Upcoming Council Fall Conference
- Member Working Group Report
- What's Coming Up?
- Information of Interest
- Capitol Update

Issues/Topics

1. Enhancing Member Services and Engagement
2. ALJ Ruling Seeking Comments on 5 Topics
3. Takeaways CPUC DER / DR White Paper Workshop
4. Council Meetings with Southern CA IOUs

→ Welcome Blue Frontier!

- Blue Frontier is a technology start-up company developing ultra-efficient, packaged rooftop HVAC for commercial buildings
- Blue Frontier's AC system combines dew-point-style sensible cooling with liquid desiccant dehumidification to reduce electricity use by up to 90% (non-fan)
- The coolant is produced during off-peak periods and can be discharged during periods of peak load thus addressing our grid challenges
- Blue Frontier is excited to be joining the Council during this important time when the role of new technologies is critical



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→ Upcoming Council Events

- **HOLD THE DATE:** October 26 - 27, 2022: The Council's [Fall Conference](#): Accelerating Toward Climate and Economic Goals
 - In-Person in Oakland, CA
 - The Council will bring together policymakers, regulators, implementers, administrator, evaluators, and advocates from across the industry to explore topics essential to advance CA's clean energy industry.
 - Wednesday October 26: Evening Kickoff Reception
 - Thursday October 27: Fall Conference
- **REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!**
- If you're interested in sponsoring the Conference, see the [Sponsor Prospectus](#) or email events@cedmc.org for more info.

➤ Member Working Group Report

Member Working Group	Meeting Cadence	Update
Capitol	Biweekly	7/20: Discussed the Council's ongoing efforts to secure additional funding for the TECH Program and ongoing efforts to address challenges in the final Energy Trailer Bill including a productive discussion with the CEC.
Cost-Effectiveness	Monthly	7/18: Discussed the Council's response to CPUC's Draft ACC Update and the newly approved OIR re: Demand Flexibility through Rates. This new proceeding was also highlighted in the July 15 Council Newsletter.
Custom Review	Monthly	
DR Policy	Monthly	7/07: Rescheduled to 7/28
DR Regulatory	As Needed	
Federal	Monthly	7/13: Discussed funding under the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, implications re: WV Vs EPA Supreme Court ruling, and reconciliation.
Market Transformation	Monthly	Note: This MWG is on hold and will resume once the MTA is on board
NMEC	Monthly	
Solicitations	Monthly	

- If you missed any MWG meeting, no problem; you can obtain the notes for any of our MWG meetings on the CEDMC member [portal](#)

➤ What's Coming Up?

- **CEC Demand Side Grid Support Program Draft Guidelines Workshop**
 - July 25 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 - [Zoom](#); Phone: 1(877) 853-5257 | ID: 915-4512-1253 | Password: 083326
 - CEC staff will present their proposed requirements for Demand Side Grid Support Program (created in the 2022 Energy Trailer Bill: AB 205) participation, including eligibility, enrollment documentation, DSGS incentive structures, and the payment process. You can find more information at the DSGS [webpage](#) and the [docket](#).
- **CEC Vehicle-Grid Integration Market Status and Funding Concepts Workshop**
 - July 28 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 - [Zoom](#); Phone: 1 (877) 853-5257 | ID: 950 7249 2090 | Password: 361341
 - The CEC will host a workshop to discuss the current status of vehicle-grid integration (VGI) in California and present several funding solicitation concepts designed to help advance and prepare for widespread VGI. You can find the agenda and materials [here](#).
- **CPUC Utility Preparedness for 2022 Public Safety Power Shutoffs (Two Part Series)**
 - PART 1: SCE, SDG&E, and Bear Valley Electric Service
 - August 1: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 - [Live broadcast](#); Phone: 1(800) 857-1917 | Passcode: 6032788#
 - PART 2: PG&E, PacifiCorp, and Liberty Utilities
 - August 2: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 - [Live broadcast](#); Phone: 1(800) 857-1917 | Passcode: 6032788#
- **CPUC EE Potential and Goal Study Draft Workplan Release and Workshop**
 - August 2 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
 - [WebEx](#); Phone: 1 (855) 282-6330 | Meeting #: 2494 568 6087 | Password: PG2023
 - The CPUC has posted the [draft workplan](#) for the 2023 EE Potential and Goals Study (PGS). This workplan details the proposed approach to the upcoming PGS cycle, which will set the EE goals for IOUs and inform the CEC's downstream forecasts. At the workshop: CPUC staff will present the workplan, answer stakeholder questions, and solicit stakeholder feedback.

➤ Information of Interest

Notable Regulatory Documents

- At the July 14 CPUC Business Meeting, the Commissioners voted to adopt a new [OIR](#) to Advance Demand Flexibility Through Electric Rates. A [Press Release](#) on this OIR was issued on July 14.
- July 19 CPUC release of the [staff paper](#) re: Revised Summer Stack Analysis for 2022-2026. The update examines the potential impacts of a west-wide extreme weather event and prolonged drought in the summer months between 2022 and '26 and what energy reliability actions the State could take.

Open Solicitations

- **Due 7/26:** SCE SGIP Heat Pump Water Heater (HPWH) Program Third-Party [RFP](#). *Note: SCE is using SAP® [Ariba®](#) (Platform).*
- **Due 8/1:** CEC CA Electric Homes Program (CalEHP) [GFO](#). Questions are due COB 7/12.
- **Due 8/4:** City of Pico Rivera Climate Action Plan [RFP](#)
- **Due 8/5:** Sonoma Clean Power Community Needs Assessment for Program Development [RFQ](#)
- **Due: 8/14:** SCE Partnership Pilot Prescreening Period: [Residential info](#) | [Business info](#) | [Application](#)
- **Due 8/19:** CEC Realizing Accelerated Manufacturing and Production for Clean Energy Tech [GFO](#)
- **Due 8/31:** SDG&E Small Business Outreach Program [RFA](#) (PDF download)
- **Due 10/31:** CEC CA Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency (CalSHAPE) Ventilation Program [Notice of Funding Availability](#). *Note: some applications are currently open for limited eligibility sites.*
- **Due 5/2023:** CEC California Automated Permit Processing Program | [GFO](#)
- **Ongoing:** EE program 3P solicitation information and links found on the CAEECC [Website](#)

→ Capitol Update from Our Lobbyists



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➤ Enhancing Member Services & Engagement

- This will be the last Policy call **in this format**
- All Policy-related matters will be taken up in a newly formed Standing Call: Catch-All-Call (CAC)
- The CAC is to occur once a month to cover a wide variety of issues relevant and important to all Council members
- Issue specific policy matters will be addressed among 3 new Topic Committees: Energy Efficiency & Decarb (EEDC), DR, DERs, & Resilience (DDRC), and Strategic Initiatives (SIC) committees
- Member participation in Topic Committees will provide an additional clear and direct avenue to deeper dialogue and detailed content

➤ Enhancing Member Services & Engagement Cont.

- Next steps:
- There will be an “all-hands” call on August 15, as well as opportunities for the Council to call “ad-hoc” meetings if urgent issues arise.
- Regularly recurring Catch-All-Calls will begin in September.
- We need your help scheduling this recurring call to find the day and time to connect (once a month) that works best for most!

- Look for outreach and further information from the Council later in August.

➤ ED 3P Proposal & ALJ Questions

- On July 15 the CPUC published an [ED Staff Proposal](#) in docket R. 13-11-005 responding to stakeholder feedback re: two-stage solicitation process, evaluation and selection processes, and the contract negotiations and terms.
- The ALJ also issued a [ruling](#) seeking comments on five topics:
 - Potential improvements to the third-party solicitation process;
 - Governance and reform of two of the CPUC’s EE database tools:
 - The Cost Effectiveness Tool (CET); and
 - The California Energy Data and Reporting System (CEDARS);
 - Strategic Energy Management (SEM) program issues;
 - The CA Analysis Tool for Locational Energy Assessment (CATALENA) project; and
 - Data sharing for CPUC-authorized EE programs
- This ruling is hoping to address issues in a decisions with an effective date sooner than 2024.

→ ED 3P Proposal & ALJ Questions

Stakeholder Concerns:

- Contract terms require the Implementer bear a greater share of risk than they did prior to EE decisions stating a preference for P4P.
- The risk to Implementers is stifling innovative design since untried innovations can carry greater uncertainty.

CPUC Staff Proposal includes:

- Greater consistency re: additional performance assurances may be required of the Implementer. IOU assess case-by-case.
- Insurance requirements to be developed by parties based on SOW.
- Identified challenges with up-front capital and P4P for small and/or DBEs
- Identified DBE opportunity to serve as subcontractors re: cashflow/P4P
- Provide consistent requirements and clarify per process if it is a single or two-stage solicitation structure
- Noted overwhelming stakeholder support fo clear feedback to bidders

→ Takeaways CPUC DER / DR White Paper Workshop

- Following up on the release of the CPUC's ED DER / DR [White Paper](#) and proposal, the CPUC hosted a workshop on July 21 to:
 - Present the “Advanced Strategies for Demand Flexibility Management and Customer DER Compensation” whitepaper/proposal;
 - Provide participants the opportunity to ask questions; and
 - Provide participants the opportunity to comment.
- The Council's comments included:
 - Appreciation for the ED's extensive/exhaustive work in this document
 - Appreciation for the ED's acknowledgment that existing DR systems and policies are complex and pose barriers to meeting emerging needs
 - The Council acknowledges the Proposal captures lofty goals and urged the CPUC to prioritize actionable and effective efforts.

→ The Council Meets with Southern CA IOUs

- Yesterday (July 21) Joe and Clark traveled to Los Angeles to meet with SCE, SoCalGas, and LADWP.
- The intent of the meetings was, in part, a meet and greet for Joe and Clark as well as the opportunity to address key priorities, including:
 - Challenges in the final Trailer Bill language re: the Demand Side Grid Support Program (DSGS).
 - Interest in the ED White Paper
 - How the Council and the utilities can collaborate on many key policy issues.
- The discussions were engaging and productive!

→ Discussion and Q&A

Thank You!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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