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# Weekly Member Policy Call

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# Today's Agenda

- Announcements
- Policy Updates
  - 2028-2035 EE Business Plan Applications - filing May 1
  - DR Bridge Funding Comments - filing April 30
  - High DER Track 2 Comments - filed April 20
- Legislative Priorities
- Q&A



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# Announcements

# CEDMC Spring Symposium

## California's Clean Energy Future: Flexible, Distributed, and Technology-Enabled

- Thursday, May 7, 2026
- 9:00 am – 5:00 pm followed by a networking reception until 6:30 pm
- Norma Hertzog Community Center, Costa Mesa, CA
- Click here to learn more & register

**Get your Tickets Now and invite your colleagues!**

We've announced all the details and most speakers on our website:

https://cedmc.org/events/spring-symposium/

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# Policy Updates

# CEC - Demand Side Grid Support

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[Docket 22-RENEW-01]

CEC will consider adoption of the Proposed DSGS Program Guidelines at the April 27, 2026 business meeting (Guidelines at Docket link above)

- Agenda

# CPUC A.25-04-014 (SDG&E)

A.25-04-014 - SDG&E Application to Exit Regional EE Programs

April 7 Ruling

- May 1: Deadline for any settlement motions
- June 1: Comments filed on settlement motions
- June 16: Reply Comments filed on settlement motions
- July 1: Opening briefs
- July 15: Repy briefs
- September: Proposed Decision

**Note: if no settlement agreement motions filed by May 1, then opening briefs due May 15 and reply briuefs May 29 (CEDMC is not a party at this time)**

# CPUC A.26-09-009 et. al. (EE BPAs)

A.26-09-009 et.al.

April 15, 2026 Ruling Consolidates all March 16 Energy Efficiency Applications (Woo hoo!)

Thanks to all who participated in the ad hoc EE Working Group over the last few weeks to help with issue development for the Council's Response - due May 1.

# Budget Messaging (1)

- Procure all cost-effective preferred resources (loading order) before investing in T&D or procuring additional supply
- Ratepayer funding explicitly authorized for system benefits
- First in the loading order = least-cost resource strategy (AB32)
- TSB measures EE value based on
  - avoided generation costs
  - avoided T&D costs
  - reliability value
  - GHG reductions
- Link to Brattle Report (targeted EE as tool to improve system/grid)

# Budget Messaging (2)

- Reference legislative reports on rate impacts from EE
- Beneficial electrification without load shaping is NOT beneficial
- Ratepayer funding should be retained for EE programs that demonstrate direct, incremental TSB to ratepayers relative to total program cost
- Programs that do not demonstrate measurable system value can be considered for alternative funding (General Fund), but high-performing, system-relevant EE should remain in rates

# Cost-Effectiveness Messaging

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- CEDMC supports cohesive set of evaluation and cost-effectiveness reforms that more accurately reflect program-caused savings, align attribution methods with contemporary market conditions, and ensure that EE–particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities–is not systematically undervalued in Commission planning and decision-making.
- Accurate valuation of demand-side resources essential to ensuring least-cost solutions are neither overlooked nor under-procured
- Support SDREN's approach to cost-effectiveness reform

# Net-to-Gross

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- Support recommendations to reform NTG assumptions that understate verified, program-caused savings
- Applying sub-1.0 NTG values to projects that have already satisfied POE standard results in CPUC undercounting savings that have already been vetted through rigorous review processes
- Conservative NTG assumptions disproportionately affect programs serving low-income and disadvantaged communities

# Database for EE Resources (DEER)

- Support improvements to DEER process that enhance transparency, predictability and timeliness
- Support PG&E/SoCalGas proposals to bifurcate DEER resolution structure
  - Early year resolution with guidance to inform near-term program planning and implementation
  - Locking resolution to finalize measure package versions for compliance and reporting

# EM&V

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Request additional details on SCE proposal to align savings claim date with payment approval date (after verification), not installation date

- What safeguards in place?

# Equity

SCE indicating they will only serve equity customers in resource acquisition programs.

- Not in SCE's Exhibit 1 (Equity Section or Policy Recommendation section)
- Is it reflected in proposed budgets?

# Governance – CAEECC

- Caution against changes that may weaken CAEECC's core advisory and coordination role.
- CAEECC's role should be clarified and strengthened.
- CAEECC is responsive and collaborative
- Allow CAEECC to set cadence of meetings based on workload and topic driven needs as determined by CAEECC Members and in consult with Energy Division staff; periodic reporting to ED on meeting participation
- Emphasize value of neutral, professionally facilitated WGs and meetings

# CPUC R.25-09-004 (Enhance DR)

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R.25-09-004

- Council filing Comments on Staff Proposal for DR Bridge Funding
  - Due April 30

# CPUC R.21-06-017 (High DER Future)

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CEDMC filed Opening Comments Comments on Track 1 and Track 2 DER Orchestration framework on April 20



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# Regulatory Calendar

- **April 30: Comments due on DR Bridge Funding Ruling (R.25-09-004)**
- **April 30: Replies on High-DER Track 1 and 2**
- **May 1: Responses/Protests to EE Business Plan Applications (A.26-03-009)**
- **May 1: Settlement Motions due A.25-04-014 (SDG&E to withdraw from regional EE)**
- **May 21: Replies on DR Bridge Funding (R.25-09-004)**
- May 18: PA Responses due (A.26-03-XXX)

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# Legislative Updates

# Legislative Priorities

- CEDMC Priority Bill List - March 2026
- Legislative Priorities and Actions
- Budget Priorities and Actions



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# Discussion and Questions

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## Thank You!

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