

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 8

To: Board of Directors

From: Keyes & Fox, Regulatory Consultant

Subject: Regulatory Monitoring Report – Keyes & Fox

Date: September 14, 2023

Please find attached Keyes & Fox's August 2023 Regulatory Memorandum dated September 6, 2023 an informational summary of the key California regulatory and compliance-related updates from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

Attachment: Keyes & Fox Regulatory Memorandum dated September 6, 2023.

Valley Clean Energy Alliance

Regulatory Monitoring Report

To: Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCE) Board of Directors

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Subject: Monthly Regulatory Update

Date: September 6, 2023

Keyes & Fox LLP and EQ Research LLC are pleased to provide VCE's Board of Directors with this informational memo describing key California regulatory and compliance-related updates from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) over the past two months.

RPS Rulemaking

Background: This proceeding addresses ongoing Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) requirements, aspects of the new Voluntary Allocation/Market Offer (VAMO) process, and other tariffs for the purchase of renewable energy.

Recent Developments: Retail Sellers, including VCE, filed their Draft 2023 RPS Procurement Plans on July 17, 2023. Comments on such plans were filed on August 15, 2023 and reply comments were filed on August 29, 2023. Retail Sellers filed motions to update their Draft 2023 RPS Procurement Plans on August 29, 2023. On August 17, the CPUC issued D.23-08-003 which modified D.19-09-043 to allow the IOUs to determine the effective load carrying capability (ELCC) of resources for purposes of RPS planning based on the method prescribed in the IRP proceeding rather than the current approach under which the ELCCs are determined using one method for RPS planning and a different method for IRP planning.

Analysis: The ACR on 2023 RPS Procurement Plans provides guidance for the content of Retail Sellers' Draft 2023 RPS Plans but made no significant changes to VCE's obligations. The ACR did include a new section for transmission reporting that applies to electric companies that own transmission assets.

Next Steps: A proposed decision on draft 2023 RPS Procurement Plans is expected in late 2023.

Additional Information: VCE [Draft 2023 RPS Procurement Plan](#) (Aug. 29, 2023); [D.23-08-003](#) (Aug. 17, 2023); [Ruling](#) (Jun. 12, 2023); [Assigned Commissioner's Ruling](#) (May 5, 2023); VCE's [Amended Final 2022 RPS Procurement Plan](#) (May 2, 2023); [D.22-11-021](#) (Nov. 18, 2022); [Scoping Memo](#) (Apr. 6, 2022); Docket No. [R.18-07-003](#).

IRP Rulemaking

Background: This proceeding governs the biennial Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) process, including load serving entity (LSE) procurement requirements, the establishment of a variety of state- and LSE-level load and procurement forecasts, greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets, and ongoing reliability obligations.

Recent Developments: On August 1, 2023, LSEs, including VCE, filed reports on their compliance with CPUC procurement requirements. On August 9, SCE and PG&E submitted a [Joint Expedited Petition for Modification](#) of D.21-06-035 requesting that the mid-term reliability (MTR) Decision be modified to extend the deadline for LSEs to meet the 2,500 MW Diablo Canyon Replacement Requirement by 2 years, from June 1, 2025, to June 1, 2027. On August 18, several parties filed a joint motion seeking an all-party meeting on the need for better coordination between the IRP and RA proceedings. Parties filed responses to this motion on September 5, 2023. The Assigned Commissioner issued a [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) on August 21 initiating the stakeholder process for the 2024 IRP filings. The issues to be considered include development of the 2023 Preferred System Plan, development of the Reliable and Clean Power Procurement Plan, updating the inputs and assumptions for IRP modeling, and development of policies to encourage procurement of certain long lead-time resources. On August 24, the CPUC issued a [Proposed Decision](#) (PD) that would deny the [Petition for Modification](#) of [D.22-05-015](#) filed jointly by San Diego Clean Power and Clean Energy Alliance on October 28, 2022 that requested modification of the provision in D.22-05-015 allowing a one-time purchase of resource adequacy capacity to account for load migration to CCAs in between the issuance of D.19-11-016 and D.22-05-015. The Petition sought to use the year-ahead load forecast as the basis for determining the resource adequacy capacity available via the one-time purchase rather than the actual load being served at the time D.22-05-015 was issued.

Analysis: The Joint Expedited Petition for Modification, if granted, would provide two additional years for LSEs to procure the 5-hour storage or demand response resources for replacement of the Diablo Canyon facility, but have no impact on other MTR procurement obligations. VCE's share of the Diablo Canyon replacement is 10 MW and is planned to be met using the Gibson Solar + storage project that was modified to include a 5-hour battery.

Next Steps: Comments on the PD are due September 13, reply comments are due September 18, and the decision may be heard as early as the October 12 Commission meeting. A proposed decision on the May 30 Petition for Modification regarding long lead-time resource compliance deadlines is expected during the third quarter. A staff proposal on the Reliable and Clean Power Procurement Plan is also expected to be released during the third quarter. In Q4, the Commission will analyze the need for backstop procurement under D.19-11-016. VCE's next IRP will be due in November 2024.

Additional Information: [Proposed Decision](#) (Aug. 24, 2023); [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Aug. 21, 2023); [Joint Expedited Petition for Modification](#) (Aug. 9, 2023); [Petition for Modification](#) (May 30, 2023); [D.23-02-040](#) on Procurement (Feb. 28, 2023); ALJ [Ruling](#) & [Reliable and Clean Power Procurement Program: Staff Options Paper](#) (Sep. 8, 2022); [D.22-05-015](#) (May 23, 2022); [D.21-06-035](#) (Jun. 30, 2021); [Scoping Memo](#) (Sep. 24, 2020); Docket No. [R.20-05-003](#).

Demand Flexibility

Background: This rulemaking was opened to update the CPUC's rate design principles and guidance for advancing demand flexibility, and the proceeding may also modify, consolidate, or eliminate existing dynamic rate pilots. VCE is a party to this proceeding as its scope relates to VCE's AgFIT dynamic rates Pilot. Phase 1-Track A will establish an income-graduated fixed charge for residential rates for all investor-owned electric utilities in accordance with Assembly Bill 205 (Stats. 2022, ch. 61). Phase 1-Track B first adopted rate design and demand flexibility principles and is now considering expansion of the AgFIT Pilot.

Recent Developments: On August 15, the ALJ issued a [Ruling](#) seeking party comment on a [Staff Proposal](#) to significantly expand VCE's AgFIT pilot and SCE's dynamic rates pilot to support near-term summer reliability. A workshop on expansion of the pilots was held on August 24, and the deadlines for comments on the Staff Proposal were extended via a Ruling issued on August 24. On August 22, the ALJ issued a [Ruling](#) updating the procedural schedule for Track A and providing guidance for briefs, specifically that briefs should be focused on initial implementation of income-graduated fixed charges (IGFCs).

Analysis: The Staff Proposal concludes that AgFIT has shown initial success in shifting load during ramp and peak hours. The Staff Proposal's Expanded Pilot #1 would open up AgFIT to all bundled and unbundled customers in PG&E territory and all types of agricultural load, lift the 5 MW cap and extend the length of this pilot by 3 years. The Staff Proposal's Expanded Pilot #2 would apply the AgFIT model within PG&E territory to medium and large commercial customers and residential customers on EV charging, home battery and electric heat pump rates. In Track A, the gradual move towards IGFCs will provide additional time for consideration and analysis prior to full implementation of this novel approach to aligning the structure of retail electric rates with utility cost structures while recognizing the importance of access to affordable electricity and ensuring that the changes to rate structures does not disproportionately harm large numbers of ratepayers.

Next Steps: Comments on the Staff Proposal to expand pilot programs are due September 18 and replies are due October 6. A workshop on expanding existing pilots, including AgFIT, and an opportunity for the filing of post-workshop comments is scheduled for September 24. Opening briefs on income-graduated fixed charges are due October 6, and a proposed decision is expected in March or April of 2024.

Additional Information: ALJ [Ruling](#) (Aug. 25, 2023); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Aug. 22, 2023); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Aug. 15, 2023); [D.23-04-040](#) on electric rate design principles (May 3, 2023); [D.23-04-008](#) (Apr. 14, 2023); CalCCA [Reply Comments on Scoping Memo](#) (Jan. 4, 2023); [Phase 1 Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Nov. 2, 2022); [OIR](#) (Jul. 22, 2022); Docket No. [R.22-07-005](#).

RA Rulemaking (2023-2024)

Background: This proceeding considers resource adequacy (RA) requirements for LSEs and introduced the Central Procurement Entity (CPE) to ensure grid reliability and sufficient capacity. The proceeding is divided into an implementation track and a reform track.

Recent Developments: On July 26, CalCCA filed an [Application for Rehearing](#) of D.23-06-029, challenging the Commission's new rule limiting CCA expansion if the CCA had any RA deficiencies in the past two years. In its Application, CalCCA argues that the Commission overreached its jurisdictional authority. On August 4, Shell and the Alliance for Retail Energy Markets filed a joint [Application for Rehearing](#) of D.23-06-029 making similar arguments to those of CalCCA but with respect to Direct Access/Electric Service Providers. Also on August 4, Demand Response providers filed a joint [Joint Application for Rehearing](#) and a [Motion for Partial Stay](#) of D.23-06-029 regarding various Demand Response related changes in that decision. On August 24, the California Large Energy Consumers Association (CLECA) filed a [Petition for Modification](#) of D.23-06-029, also regarding Demand Response issues.

Numerous Parties have also held ex parte meetings with Commissioner offices regarding issues with the RA program.

Analysis: In sum, numerous parties have raised major contentions with D.23-06-029. Under D.23-06-029, a single RA deficiency would result in a minimum two-year delay of any CCA expansion, an additional penalty that CalCCA argues is discriminatory in that it doesn't apply to IOUs and that exceeds the statutory authority of the Commission. The highly constrained RA market and extremely high prices coupled with the ongoing transition to the "slice-of-day" methodology further complicates the issue and potential risks from the CCA expansion limit imposed under D.23-06-029.

Next Steps: D.23-06-029 closed the proceeding, but it has been reopened to address the Petitions for Modification and Applications for Rehearing. The next RA docket is expected to be opened within the next few months.

Additional Information: CLECA [Petition for Rehearing](#) (Aug. 24, 2023); Demand Response providers' [Application for Rehearing](#), [Joint Motion for Rehearing](#), [Motion for Partial Stay](#) (Aug. 4, 2023); CalCCA [Application for Rehearing](#) (Jul. 26, 2023); [D.23-06-029](#) (Jul. 5, 2023); [D.23-04-010](#) on Reform Track Phase 2 (Apr. 7, 2023); [D.22-12-028](#) (Dec. 19, 2022); [Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Sep. 2, 2022); Docket No. [R.21-10-002](#).

PG&E 2023 Phase 1 GRC

Background: Phase 1 General Rate Case (GRC) proceedings set PG&E's revenue requirement, including functionalizing costs into categories such as electric distribution or generation, and impact the costs recovered through rates from customers (e.g., bundled, unbundled, or both) for a set period (in this case, 2023-2026). Phase 2 GRC proceedings determine cost allocation among customer classes (e.g., Residential, Agricultural) and rate design issues. The proceeding is divided into two tracks. Track 1 addresses most matters, including PG&E's requested revenue requirement together with safety and environmental and social justice issues. Track 2 addresses the narrower matters of the reasonableness of the 2019-2021 actual costs recorded in the named memorandum accounts and balancing accounts and, to the extent relevant, safety and environmental and social justice.

Recent Developments: No recent developments in the past month.

Analysis: N/A.

Next Steps: In Track 1, a proposed decision was expected in Q2 2023 but is delayed. The Track 2 schedule is currently held in abeyance per an email ruling issued December 13.

Additional Information: PG&E [AL 6968-E](#) (Jun. 23, 2023); [D.23-01-005](#) ([Appendix 1](#) - Settlement Agreement) (Jan. 17, 2023); PG&E's [Amended Application](#) (Mar. 10, 2022); PG&E [Affordability Metrics Report](#) (Feb. 23, 2022); [PG&E Application](#) (Jun. 30, 2021); Docket No. [A.21-06-021](#).

PG&E 2024 ERRA Forecast

Background: The annual Energy Resource and Recovery Account (ERRA) forecast proceedings establish the amount of the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) and other nonbypassable charges (NBCs) for the following year, as well as fuel and purchased power costs associated with serving bundled customers that utilities may recover in rates.

Recent Developments: On August 3, the Assigned Commissioner issued a [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) regarding PG&E's 2024 ERRA Forecast. Issues identified in the Ruling include PG&E's request for approval of its sales and revenue forecasts; the Direct Access Customer Coalition's concerns regarding determination of the correct calculations for PCIA, CAM, and other charges included in rates; and CalCCA's identified issues related to the lack of a demonstration by PG&E that its request is just and reasonable, in compliance with previous Commission guidance, and prevents cost shifts between bundled and unbundled customers. On August 1, the ALJ issued a [Ruling](#) asking PG&E a series of questions regarding the "Fixed Generation Costs" in its 2024 ERRA Forecast case, as well as the impacts of those costs on the hypothetical "last remaining bundled customer." ALJs in Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric Company's parallel 2024 ERRA Forecast cases issued substantially identical rulings. Parties filed comments on August 16 and reply comments on August 23. In general, parties (including IOUs and [CalCCA](#)) recommended any issues related to the IOUs' "Fixed Generation Costs" be addressed in a Phase II of the IOUs' pending ERRA Forecast cases, but not in the current phases of those cases.

Analysis: PG&E's preliminary ERRA forecast indicates the possibility of a decrease in the PCIA rates (or an increase in the PCIA credit) paid by CCA customers across most vintages in 2024, but that forecast is expected to change significantly by the Fall Update (including likely increases to forecasted PCIA rates), based primarily on changes to brown power prices.

Next Steps: Intervenor testimony is due September 6. The Energy Division will provide its market price benchmark update on October 2, and PG&E will provide its fall update on October 16. A proposed decision is expected on November 22.

Additional Information: [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Aug. 3, 2023); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Aug. 1, 2023); CalCCA [Protest](#) (Jun. 16, 2023); PG&E 2024 ERRA Forecast [Application](#) (May 15, 2023); Docket No. [A.23-05-012](#).

NEW PG&E 2023 ERRA Trigger

Background: Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) trigger applications are submitted when a utility forecast indicates an undercollection of more than four percent in the ERRA balance that will not self-correct to below four percent in under 120 days and will continue to exceed the four percent trigger threshold through the end of the year. Trigger applications are submitted to request a temporary rate increase in order to partially recover the undercollected ERRA balance.

Recent Developments: PG&E submitted an ERRA Trigger Application on July 28. In its Application, PG&E projected a five percent undercollected ERRA balance by December 2023, and proposed a rate increase effective November 1, 2023 to recover the Incremental ERRA Trigger Balance recorded as of September 2023 over a six-month period. The forecasted September 2023 balance was \$256 million. On August 10, CalCCA filed a Protest recommending that (1) the Commission amortize PG&E's trigger balance over 12 months, effective on January 1, 2024, (2) consolidate this proceeding with PG&E's pending ERRA Forecast proceeding, A.23-05-012, and resolve both concurrently, and (3) the Commission adopt a procedural schedule that allows parties to address both PG&E's ERRA Trigger and Forecast applications in the same testimony, briefs, or other filings. On August 15, PG&E filed a Reply to CalCCA's Protest, in which the company re-iterated its request that a final Commission decision be issued by the October 12 voting meeting.

Analysis: PG&E's requested rate increase is expected to increase the system average bundled rate by up to 1.95 cents/kWh, or approximately 6.3% above the current level, effective November 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024.

Next Steps: A scoping memo, procedural schedule, and ruling addressing CalCCA's Protest are expected to be issued soon. A prehearing conference is scheduled for September 7.

Additional Information: PG&E [Reply to Protest](#) (Aug. 15, 2023); CalCCA [Protest](#) (Aug. 10, 2023); [Application](#) (Jul. 28, 2023); Docket No. [A.23-07-012](#).

PG&E 2020 ERRA Compliance

Background: The annual ERRA Compliance proceeding reviews the utility's compliance with CPUC-approved standards for generation-procurement and cost recovery activity occurring in the prior year, such as energy resource contract administration, least-cost dispatch, fuel procurement, and balancing account entries. Phase 1 of this proceeding concluded in April 2022 with issuance of [D.22-04-041](#) approving a settlement agreement. Phase 2 issues related to unrealized sales and revenues resulting from PG&E's Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events in 2020 are under consideration.

Recent Developments: No recent developments in the past month.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: Phase 2 is expected to begin soon since the Commission recently resolved issues related to the establishment of a common accounting methodology for PSPS events in Phase 2 of the 2019 ERRA Compliance proceeding (see above).

Additional Information: [D.22-08-009](#) extending statutory deadline (Aug. 11, 2022); [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Jun. 21, 2021); [Application](#) (Mar. 1, 2021); Docket No. [A.21-03-008](#).

PG&E 2021 ERRA Compliance

Background: The annual ERRA Compliance proceeding reviews the utility's compliance with CPUC-approved standards for generation-procurement and cost recovery activity occurring in the prior year, such as energy resource contract administration, least-cost dispatch, fuel procurement, and balancing account entries.

Recent Developments: PG&E filed supplemental testimony regarding unrealized sales associated with 2021 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events on August 8.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: The target date for a Proposed Decision is Q3 2023.

Additional Information: [ALJ Ruling](#) on schedule (Jan. 6, 2023); Assigned Commissioner's [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Aug. 9, 2022); PG&E 2021 ERRA Compliance [Application](#) (Feb. 28, 2022); Docket No. [A.22-02-015](#).

PG&E 2022 ERRA Compliance

Background: The annual ERRA Compliance proceeding reviews the utility's compliance with CPUC-approved standards for generation-procurement and cost recovery activity occurring in the prior year, such as energy resource contract administration, least-cost dispatch, fuel procurement, and balancing account entries.

Recent Developments: No recent developments in the past month.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: Intervenor testimony is due September 22, and settlement discussions are scheduled for November.

Additional Information: [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Jun. 2, 2023); PG&E 2022 ERRA Compliance [Application](#) and [Notice of Availability](#) (Feb. 28, 2023); Docket No. [A.23-02-018](#).

Wildfire Fund NBC 2024-2026

Background: This rulemaking will set the Wildfire Fund nonbypassable (NBC) charge for the years 2024 through 2026. This charge was established by Assembly Bill 1054 (Stats. 2019, ch. 79), and is a per-kilowatt-hour charge set annually based on the Fund's revenue requirement request from the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

Recent Developments: No recent developments in the past month.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: The 90-day Notice on the 2024 Wildfire NBC from the DWR followed by a Ruling seeking comment from parties is expected in September, and then a Proposed Decision in November followed by a Final Decision in December.

Additional Information: [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (May 22, 2023); [Order Instituting Rulemaking](#) (Mar. 21, 2023); Docket No. [R.23-03-007](#).

Demand Response Programs (2023-2027)

Background: This proceeding addresses the IOUs' Demand Response (DR) Portfolio Applications required under [D.17-12-003](#) for the years 2023-2027.

Recent Developments: No recent developments in the past month.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: Opening briefs are due September 30 on the Demand Response Auction Mechanism (DRAM), and a proposed decision is expected in January 2024. A proposed decision is expected in October 2023 for the 2024-2027 DR Program.

Additional Information: [Resolution E-5267](#) on ELRP (May 23, 2023); ALJ [Ruling](#) on DRAM (Mar. 3, 2023); ALJ [Ruling](#) on ELRP (Mar. 2, 2023); [Assigned Commissioner's Ruling](#) (Jan. 27, 2023); [D.23-01-006](#) (Jan. 13, 2023); [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Dec. 19, 2022); [D.22-12-009](#) (Dec. 6, 2022); [Ruling](#) consolidating Applications (May 25, 2022); PG&E [Application](#) (May 2, 2022); Docket No. [A.22-05-002](#).

PG&E Asset Transfer

Background: This proceeding addresses PG&E's Application to transfer its non-nuclear generating assets to a new subsidiary, Pacific Generation, and sell up to 49.9% of its equity interest to third-party investors.

Recent Developments: Evidentiary hearings were held in late August. No other recent developments in the past month.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: Opening briefs are due September 18, and a proposed decision is expected by the end of December.

Additional Information: PG&E [Notice](#) (Jun. 8, 2023); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Mar. 30, 2023); [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Jan. 20, 2023); PG&E [Application](#) (Sep. 28, 2022); Docket No. [A.22-09-018](#).

Microgrids

Background: This proceeding was opened to implement the requirements of SB 1339 (Stern, 2018), regarding the commercialization of microgrids for distribution customers of the large IOUs. The initial three tracks have concluded, and Track 4 and Track 5 address the establishment of a Microgrid Incentive Program, potential contributions that microgrids can make to mitigating capacity shortages in the near-term, the development of a multi-property microgrid framework, and examination of the value of resiliency from microgrids.

Recent Developments: No recent developments in the past month.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: The IOUs will submit their Pro-Forma Standard Multi-Property Microgrid Tariff on October 9, and comments are due October 27. The Joint Application for Rehearing is pending.

Additional Information: [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Jul. 18, 2023); [Draft Resolution M-4868](#) (Jun. 9, 2023); [Joint Application for Rehearing](#) (May 15, 2023); [D.23-04-034](#) on Microgrid Incentive Program Implementation (Apr. 14, 2023); [Scoping Memo](#) (Dec. 17, 2021); Docket No. [R.19-09-009](#).

Commercial EV Real-Time Pricing Pilot

Background: This proceeding approved PG&E's proposed commercial EV rate pilot featuring day-ahead hourly real-time pricing. This pilot includes real-time pricing for both imports from and exports to the grid by commercial EVs.

Recent Developments: No recent developments in the past month.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: Opt-in enrollment for the real-time pricing export compensation pilot now begins in February 2024. D.23-07-003 closed the proceeding.

Additional Information: [D.23-07-003](#) (Jul. 17, 2023); PG&E [Petition for Modification](#) (Nov. 4, 2022); [D.22-10-024 \(Export Compensation Settlement\)](#) (Oct. 26, 2022); [Corrected MGCC Study](#) (Mar. 17, 2022); [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Dec. 17, 2021); [Application & Testimony](#) (Oct. 23, 2020); Docket No. [A.20-10-011](#).

Provider of Last Resort Rulemaking

Background: A Provider of Last Resort (POLR) is the utility or other entity that has the obligation to serve all customers (PG&E currently serves in this role for VCE's territory). Phase 1 of this proceeding will address POLR service requirements, cost recovery, and options to maintain GHG emission reductions in the event of an unplanned customer migration to the POLR. Phase 2 will build on the Phase 1 to set the requirements and application process for non-IOU entities to serve as the POLR. Phase 3 will address specific issues not resolved in Phase 1 or 2.

Recent Developments: No recent developments in the past month.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: A proposed decision on FSR calculations is expected in October 2023.

Additional Information: [Amended Scoping Ruling and Memo](#) (Jun. 19, 2023); [Joint Case Management Statement – Appendix](#) (May 26, 2023); PG&E [AL 6939-E](#) (May 10, 2023); ALJ [email Ruling](#) (Mar. 17, 2023); [ALJ Ruling and Staff Proposal](#) (Jan. 6, 2023); [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Sep. 16, 2021); [OIR](#) (Mar. 25, 2021); Docket No. [R.21-03-011](#).

Building Decarbonization

Background: This proceeding explores reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with energy use in buildings. [D.20-03-027](#) established the Building Initiative for Low-Emissions Development and the Technology and Equipment for Clean Heating program. [D.21-11-002](#) adopted guiding principles for layering building decarbonization incentives, adopted incentives to help wildfire victims rebuild all-electric, and directed the IOUs to study bill impacts from electrification.

Recent Developments: No recent developments in the past month.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: There is no current procedural schedule for this proceeding.

Additional Information: [Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Jul. 26, 2023); [D.23-02-005](#) (Feb. 3, 2023); [D.21-11-002 \(Appendices A-E\)](#) Decision on Building Decarbonization Phase II (Nov. 9, 2021); [D.20-03-027](#) Establishing Building Decarbonization Pilot Programs (Apr. 6, 2020); [OIR](#) (Feb. 8, 2019); Docket No. [R.19-01-011](#).

Transportation Electrification

Background: This rulemaking implements transportation electrification (TE) programs, tariffs, and policies. [D.22-11-040](#) established a \$1 billion rebate program for behind-the-meter EV charging equipment, focused on medium-duty/heavy-duty vehicles and disadvantaged communities and a \$25 million pilot program for innovative, equity-focused TE programs administered by CCAs and community-based organizations.

Recent Developments: No recent developments in the past month.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: Under D.22-11-040, the program administrator contract must be filed by September 30, 2023.

Additional Information: SCE's [Motion for Clarification](#) (Jun. 7, 2023); SCE's [Petition for Modification](#) (May 25, 2023); VCE's [Annual Vehicle-Grid Integration Report](#) (Mar. 15, 2023); [D.22-11-040](#) (Nov. 21, 2022); [Ruling](#) entering [Staff Proposal](#) on Transportation Electrification Framework to record (Feb. 25, 2022); [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (May 2, 2019); Docket No. [R.18-12-006](#).

Utility Safety Culture Assessments

Background: This rulemaking will define safety culture concepts and determine how the safety culture of PG&E and other utilities in California will be assessed and evaluated. The CPUC's Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety will conduct annual wildfire safety-specific assessments of investor-owned utilities as required by AB 1054, and an independent third-party evaluator will conduct safety culture assessments every five years per SB 901.

Recent Developments: No recent developments in the past month.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: There is no current procedural schedule for this proceeding.

Additional Information: ALJ [Ruling](#) (May 8, 2023); [Draft Resolution SPD-3](#) (Sep. 16, 2022); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Sep. 13, 2022); [Scoping Ruling](#) with procedural schedule (Apr. 28, 2022); [Order Instituting Rulemaking](#) (Oct. 7, 2021); Docket No. [R.21-10-001](#).

Other Dockets

The following table identifies other tracked dockets that are closed or inactive.

Docket	Name	Status
R.17-06-026	PCIA Rulemaking	The proceeding was closed by D.23-06-006 .
I.15-08-019	Investigation into PG&E Organization, Culture, and Governance	This proceeding was opened as part of an investigation into whether PG&E's organizational culture and governance prioritize safety, and currently serves to monitor the progress of PG&E in improving its safety culture. On May 19, the CPUC issued D.23-05-009 adopting the Safety Policy Division's Modified Staff Report and closing the proceeding.
A.20-06-011	PG&E Regionalization Plan	D.22-06-028 closed the proceeding. PG&E will continue to convene quarterly "town hall" meetings in each region and conduct broader meetings with the Regionalization Stakeholder Group. Town Hall Report Q1 2023 (May 12, 2023) and Quarterly Regionalization Report for Q1 2023 (May 15, 2023).