

# CPUC Public Agenda 3551

Thursday, September 12, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

## **Commissioners:**

Alice Reynolds, President

Darcie L. Houck

John Reynolds

Karen Douglas

Matthew Baker

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California Public  
Utilities Commission

# CPUC Mission

We Empower California through:

- Assuring utility services are clean and safe.
- Providing for critical services and infrastructure.
- Designing rates that are fair and reasonable.
- Protecting the interests of consumers and ratepayers

# CPUC Core Values



**Accountability**



**Excellence**



**Integrity**



**Open  
Communication**



**Stewardship**

# Commissioner Code of Conduct

- I. Commissioners should conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect for the public, for fellow Commissioners, and for Commission staff.
- II. Commission meetings should be opportunities for a full and respectful exchange of ideas and the responsible execution of Commission duties.
- III. Serving on the Commission is an honor and Commissioners should treat their colleagues at the Commission with respect for the varied backgrounds, skills and interests that each one brings.
- IV. Commissioners are public officials who should uphold the integrity of their office at all times.

# Public Comment

- Per Resolution ALJ-252, any member of the public (excluding parties and their representatives) who wishes to address the CPUC about matters before the Commission may comment in person at the Commission Meeting or may call in to the toll-free number:



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Passcode: 9899501

- ***Para escuchar esta reunión en español, por favor llame: (800) 857-1917, código de acceso: 3799627.***
- Once called, each speaker has 1 minute at the discretion of the Commission President. If there are a large number of callers wishing to speak, the time limit may be changed to accommodate all callers.
- A bell will ring when time has expired.
- **Written comments on a specific proceeding can be submitted via the CPUC's docket card. Please visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov/docket](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/docket), input the proceeding number, then click on the public comment tab. You can also visit the Public Advisor's Office webpage at [www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao) for further information.**
- Public Comment is not permitted on the following items:
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# Public Agenda Changes

Items shown on the Consent Agenda will be taken up and voted on as a group in one of the first items of business of each CPUC meeting.

- Items on Today's Consent Agenda 1 are:  
**1, 10, 15, 16, and 17.**
- Items on Today's Consent Agenda 2 are: **4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31.**
- Any Commissioner, with consent of the other Commissioners, may request an item from the Regular Agenda be moved to the Consent Agenda prior to the meeting.
- **No Item** from the Regular Agenda has been added to the Consent Agenda.
- Any Commissioner may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion on the Regular Agenda prior to the meeting.
- **No Item** has been withdrawn.
- **No Item** has been moved to the Regular Agenda.
- The following items have been held to future Commission Meetings:

**Held to 9/26/2024: 2, 3, 9, 23, 25, 33, and 33A.**

**Held to 10/17/2024: 13 and 24.**

# Regular Agenda

- Each item on the Regular Agenda (and its alternate if any) will be introduced by the assigned Commissioner or CPUC staff and discussed before it is moved for a vote.
- For each agenda item, a summary of the proposed action is included on the agenda; the CPUC's final decision may, however, differ from that proposed.
- The complete text of every Proposed Decision or Draft Resolution is available for download on the CPUC's website: [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov)
- Late changes to agenda items are available on the Virtual Escutia Table; or in paper format or via QR Code at the Commission Meeting site.

# Regular Agenda | Energy Orders

## Item #32 [22828] – Phase 1 Issues on Establishing Energization Targets for Large Electric Investor-Owned Utilities

### R.24-01-018

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Energization Timelines.

**Quasi-Legislative**

**Comr. Alice Reynolds - Judge Sasha Goldberg - Judge Sisto**

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#### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Adopts new energization targets for Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company.
- Establishes new energization timeline reporting requirements.
- Creates a customer complaint mechanism to improve the Commission's insight into energization delays.

#### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

#### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- \$5 million over five years (\$1 million per year) to improve the Commission's Energy Division's ability to analyse, collect, track and report utility data to the public.



# Regular Agenda | Communication Orders

## Item #34 [22672] – Cost of Capital for Ten Small Local Exchange Carrier Applications for Test Years 2022 through 2025

### A.22-09-003

Application of Calaveras Telephone Company, Cal-Ore Telephone Co., Ducor Telephone Company, Foresthill Telephone Company, Kerman Telephone Co., Pinnacles Telephone Co., The Ponderosa Telephone Co., Sierra Telephone Company Inc., The Siskiyou Telephone Company, Volcano Telephone Company for a Determination of Applicants' Cost of Capital for Ratemaking Purposes.

### Ratesetting

Comr. John Reynolds - Judge Miles

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### PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Sets a 9.77 cost of equity for all companies.
- Approves the actual cost of debt for Calaveras Telephone Company (2.84%), Foresthill Telephone Company (2.74%), Kerman Telephone Co. (3.00%), The Ponderosa Telephone Co. (2.9%), Sierra Telephone Company Inc. (3.83%) and Volcano Telephone Company (5.22%).
- Adopts an average cost of debt based on the average of the lowest and highest of the above six companies (3.98%) for the four companies with no debt at the time of the application – Cal-Ore Telephone Co, Ducor Telephone Company, Pinnacles Telephone Co and The Siskiyou Telephone Company.
- Closes the proceeding.

### SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Cost of Capital rates in this decision will support the Commission's goal to assure that residents in rural communities within California will have access to reliable and affordable telephone and broadband service.

### ESTIMATED COST:

- The cost of capital will impact the amount that each small Local Exchange Carrier draws from the California High-Cost Fund - A.

# Regular Agenda | Communication Orders (continued)

## Item #34A [22805] – Commissioner John Reynolds' Alternate to Item 22672

### A.22-09-003

Application of Calaveras Telephone Company, Cal-Ore Telephone Co., Ducor Telephone Company, Foresthill Telephone Company, Kerman Telephone Co., Pinnacles Telephone Co., The Ponderosa Telephone Co., Sierra Telephone Company Inc., The Siskiyou Telephone Company, Volcano Telephone Company for a Determination of Applicants' Cost of Capital for Ratemaking Purposes.

### Ratesetting

Comr. John Reynolds

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### PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Sets a 9.77 cost of equity for all companies. Actual cost of debt set for Calaveras (2.84%), Foresthill (2.74%), Kerman (3.00%), Ponderosa (2.9%), Sierra (3.83%) and Volcano (5.22%) and a cost of debt based on average of the lowest and highest of the above six companies (3.98%) applied to four companies with no debt at the time of the application – Cal-Ore, Ducor, Pinnacles and Siskiyou.
- Closes the proceeding.

### SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Cost of Capital rates in this decision will support the Commission's goal to assure that residents in rural communities within California will have access to reliable and affordable telephone and broadband service.

### ESTIMATED COST:

- The cost of capital will impact the amount that each small LEC draws from the California High-Cost Fund -A (CHCF-A).

# Regular Agenda | Communication Resolutions and Reports

## Item #35 [22823] – Public Housing Infrastructure Projects for Grant Funding from the California Advanced Services Fund

Res T-17836

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### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Provide the installed networks free broadband service to 245 units in low-income housing. These projects will deploy broadband network infrastructure to publicly supported housing developments capable of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload speeds.

### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The Deployment of affordable broadband in public housing will improve access to government and e-health services, which improves safety.

### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- \$279,415.44.

# Regular Agenda | Communication Resolutions and Reports (continued)

## Item #36 [22824] – Last Mile Federal Funding Account Applications

### Res T-17839

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#### **PROPOSED OUTCOME:**

- Staff recommends approval of 10 last mile Federal Funding Account broadband infrastructure grants for up to \$90,998,848 in Madera, Marin, Mendocino, San Benito, Santa Cruz, and Sutter Counties.

#### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- There are no adverse safety considerations identified by staff. The recommended projects would provide the public safety benefits of reliable broadband to unserved areas, including High Fire Threat Districts 2 and 3.

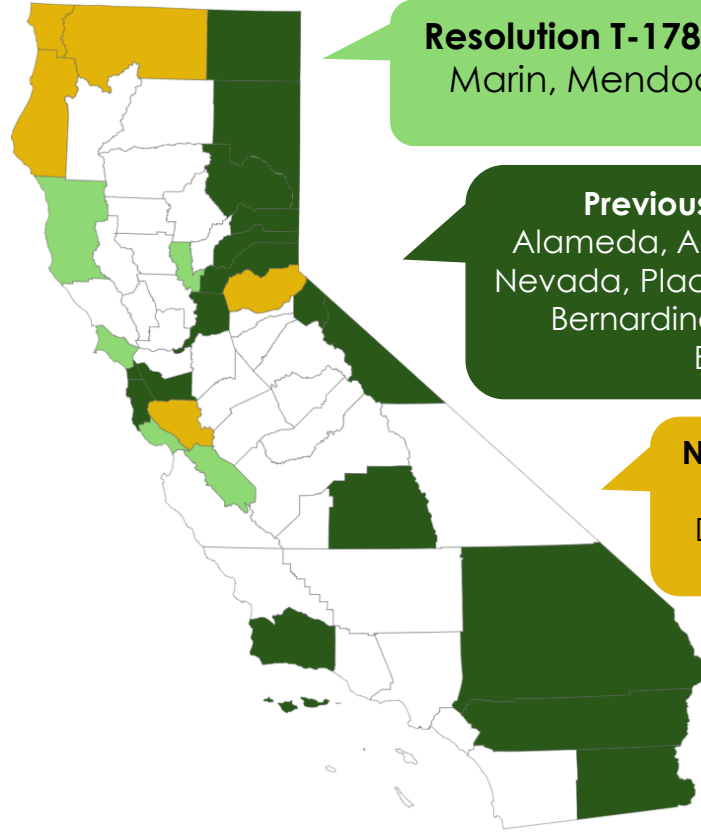
#### **ESTIMATED COST:**

- \$90,998,848.

# Federal Funding Account Recommendations and Awards

Resolution T-17839 recommends awards of **\$91 million** benefitting an estimated population of 32,000 Californians.

The CPUC has already awarded \$343 million in 17 counties benefitting an estimated population of 457,000 Californians.



**Resolution T-17839 proposed awards in 5 Counties:**  
Marin, Mendocino, San Benito, Santa Cruz, and Sutter

**Previously approved awards in counties:**  
Alameda, Alpine, Imperial, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Sierra, and Tulare

**Next Voting Meeting awards Resolutions T-17845 and T-17846:**  
Del Norte, El Dorado, Humboldt, Santa Clara, and Siskiyou

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# Regular Agenda | Communication Resolutions and Reports (continued)

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# Management Reports



# Commissioner's Reports



President  
Alice Busching Reynolds



Commissioner  
Darcie L. Houck



Commissioner  
John Reynolds



Commissioner  
Karen Douglas



Commissioner  
Matthew Baker



The CPUC thanks you for participating in today's meeting

The next Public Meeting will be:

**September 26, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

**San Francisco, CA**





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