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In the matter of,

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*(2018 IEPR Update)*

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JOINT AGENCY WORKSHOP

RE: Southern California Energy  
Reliability

## Notice of Joint Agency Workshop on Southern California Natural Gas Prices

The California Energy Commission will jointly conduct a workshop with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to discuss natural gas prices in Southern California, its impact on customers, and potential mitigation measures to reduce high natural gas prices. The workshop is part of the *2018 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update (IEPR)* proceeding.

Energy Commissioner David Hochschild is the Lead Commissioner for the *2018 IEPR Update* and will be joined by Chair Weisenmiller, CPUC President Michael Picker, and CPUC Commissioner Liane Randolph. Other Commissioners from the Energy Commission and the CPUC may also participate in the workshop, and although a quorum of commissioners may be attending, no votes will be taken.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019**

10 a.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

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### Background

Southern California continues to face reliability challenges to its electricity and natural gas energy systems, primarily due to continuing outages and reduced capacity on key natural gas transmission pipelines. This reduced capacity, as well as other factors such as weather, demand, and storage capacity can influence wholesale natural gas prices. These factors led to higher than average wholesale natural gas prices in Southern California in 2018, most noticeably at the SoCal Citygate wholesale natural gas trading hub, a central pricing and distribution point for the natural gas system in Southern California.

High natural gas prices at the SoCal Citygate hub have translated into high wholesale electricity prices, especially during the summer. These higher prices have impacted some electric generators

and the utilities with whom they contract. The California Independent System Operator reports in its *Q3 2018 Report on Market Issues and Performance*<sup>1</sup> that average prices increased compared to the same quarter in 2017, driven in part by high gas prices, seasonally high load, and reduced renewable generation. The report notes the doubling of natural gas prices at the SoCal Citygate hub in 2017. This issue of price anomalies is of concern to the joint agencies who have been monitoring gas prices and are responsible for protecting California's ratepayers. The agencies are working with stakeholders to understand the price impacts to customers in the near-term.

## Agenda

The workshop will include:

- An update from Energy Commission and CPUC staff on natural gas price trends in Southern California.
- Presentations from industry and consumer groups representatives about the impact of high wholesale natural gas prices on electric generation prices and customer bills, both core (residential and small commercial) and noncore (large commercial, industrial, and agriculture facilities).
- Discussion of potential mitigation measures including stakeholder presentations to reduce the impact of high wholesale natural gas prices on core and noncore customers.
- An opportunity for public comment.

A detailed meeting schedule will be posted prior to the workshop at

[https://www.energy.ca.gov/2018\\_energypolicy/documents/](https://www.energy.ca.gov/2018_energypolicy/documents/)

## Public Comment

**Oral Comments:** Commissioners will accept oral comments at the end of the workshop. Public comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and to one person per organization. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

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California Energy Commission  
Dockets Office, MS-4  
Re: Docket No. 18-IEPR-03  
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Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.caiso.com/Documents/2018ThirdQuarterReportonMarketIssuesandPerformance.pdf>.

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Date: Thursday, December 20, 2018 at Sacramento, California

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