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Overview of IOU Distribution Planning and CPUC Activities

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Key Concepts

Interconnection

- BTM Generation / Storage
- Applicable Tariff
 - Rule 21 Interconnection



Vast <u>Majority</u>
of Requests
<u>Currently</u>
Require no
Distribution
Upgrades



Energization

- New Customer or Electrification Load
- Applicable Tariffs
 - Rule 15 Distribution Line Extensions
 - Rule 16 Service Line Extensions
 - Rule 29/45 EV Service Extensions or Electric Distribution Infrastructure





Distribution Planning Process

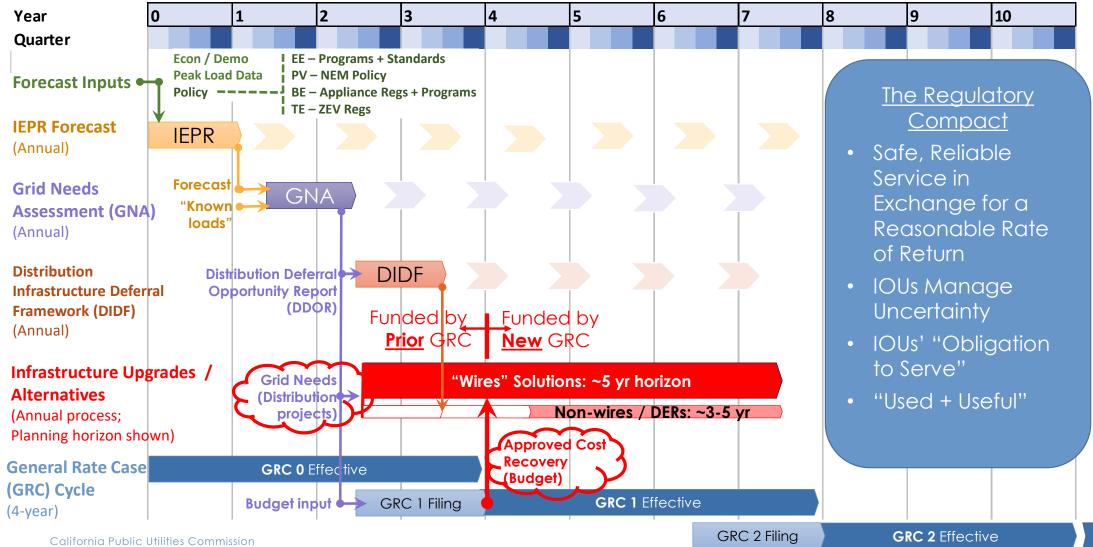
Defines Distribution Grid Needs (Distribution Projects or Solutions) on Various <u>Timescales</u>

~Short (Mos to ~2 yrs)	~Mid (~3-5 yrs)	~Long (~4-7+yrs)
 Reconductor lines Reconfigure circuits Back ties Secondary transformers 	 Build new circuits Add/Replace substation transformer Capacitor banks 	Substation upgrades, expansions, or new substations

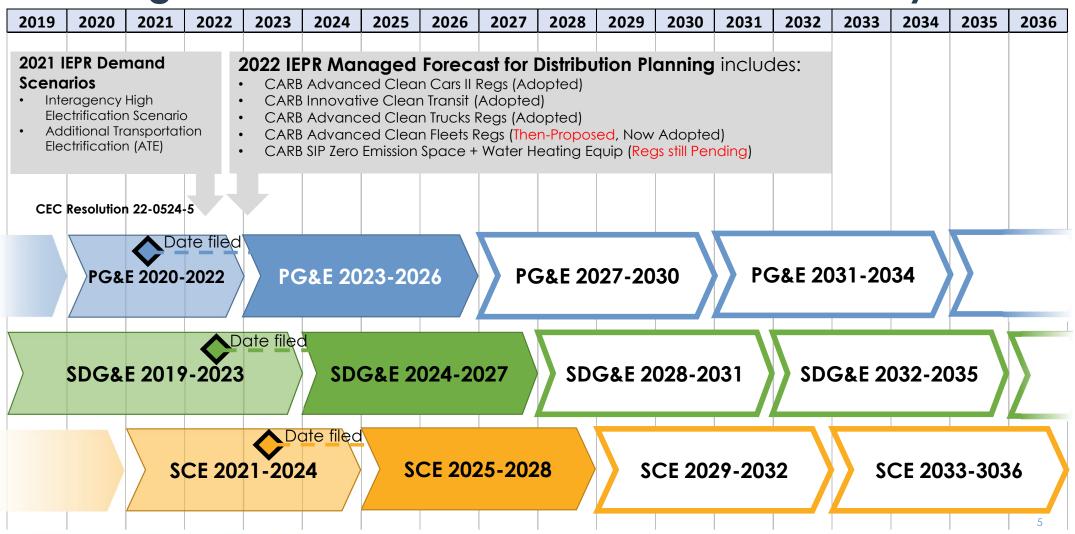
Distributed Resource Plan (DRP) Proceeding

- AB 327 (2013) set forth the DRP Rulemaking (R.)14-08-013
- Series of CPUC decisions¹ adopted utility requirements to "minimize overall system costs and maximize ratepayer benefit from investments in distributed resources"
- Greater transparency, oversight, stakeholder involvement
 - o Use of IEPR forecast or approved deviation justified by advice letter
 - Distribution Deferral Investment Framework
 - Integration Capacity Analysis
 - Public Data portal for developers and local/tribal governments
 - Linkages to General Rate Case (GRC) process
- Successor High DER Rulemaking (R.)21-06-017 scoped to further refine



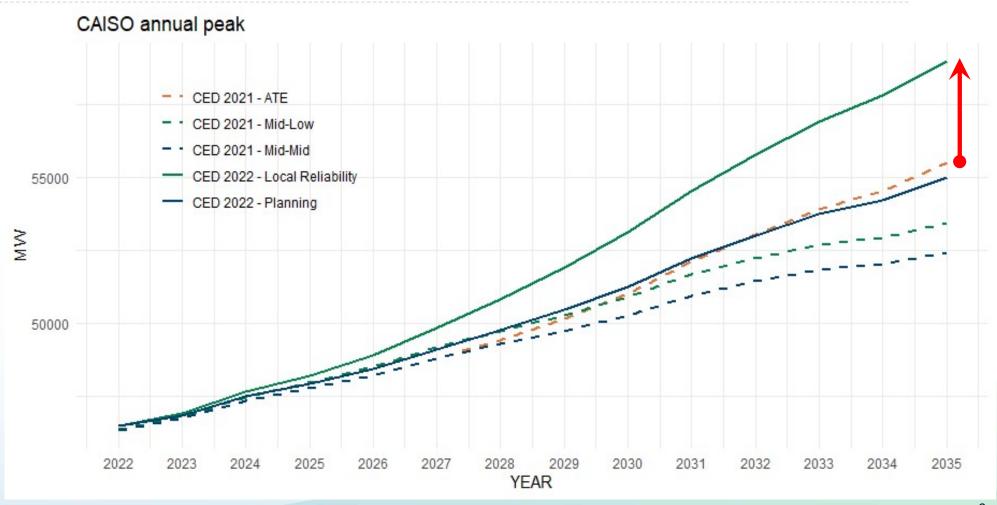


Large IOUs' GRC Plan and Recent IEPR Activity

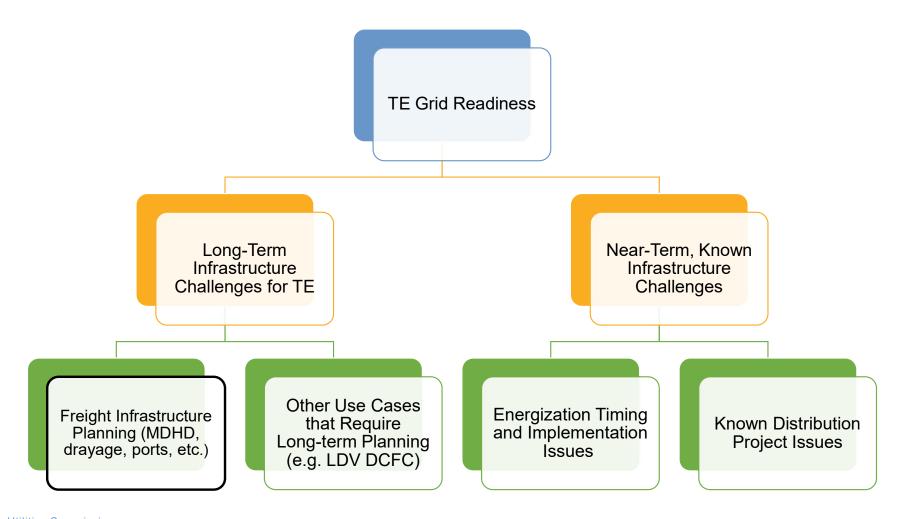




CED 2022 Annual Peak Forecast



TE Grid Readiness: Short and Long-term Challenges



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CPUC Initiatives Underway

High DER R.21-06-017

- Successor to Distribution Resource Plans R.14-08-013
- Scope includes
 - Preparing the Grid and DPP for High Electrification
 - Appropriate Cost Recovery Venue (GRC or other)
 - 3. IEPR-GNA-GRC Alignment
 - 4. IOUs' External Engagement on Load Planning
- Electrification Impacts
 Consultant Study
 underway

Freight Infrastructure Planning (FIP) Framework

- MD/HD Focus
- Interagency collaboration (CEC-CARB-CTC-CAISO)
- Objectives include
 - Process for common MD/HD inputs in IEPR, DPP, IRP, and GRC
 - 2. Inform IEPR demand scenarios to reflect uncertainty
 - 3. Optimize fleet and electric sector needs
 - Identify "ready-toelectrify" zones + highest priority zones for long lead time infrastructure development

Integration Capacity Analysis (ICA) - Load

- Required by DRP decision
- Public Data Portal identifies available capacity for:
 - Interconnection (ICA-Gen) –Implemented
 - Energization (ICA-Load) –
 Pending refinement
- Objectives include
 - Streamlining energization applications to reduce time frames and increase certainty.
 - 2. Facilitate siting of EV charging stations and streamline energization.
- IOUs' Suggested Timelines for ICA-Load Refinements:
 - o PG&E: Q4 2024 (Accelerated)
 - o SDG&E: Q3 2025
 - o SCE: Q4 2026

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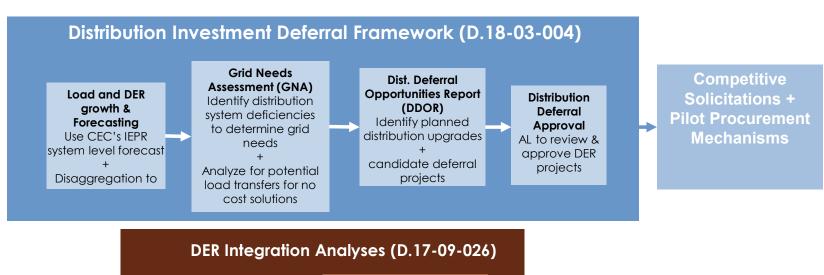
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CARB zero-emission vehicle + freight regulations

- CARB has adopted a suite of regulations¹ that will transform the CA vehicle fleet to zero-emissions. Included in this portfolio are:
 - Advanced Clean Cars II regulation grows the percentage of new cars <u>sales</u> that are zero-emission from 35 percent in 2026 to 100 percent by 2035
 - Innovative Clean Transit regulation transitions <u>all</u> buses to zero-emission by 2040
 - Advanced Clean Trucks regulation requires growing percentages of zero-emission trucks with proposed amendments that would take this requirement to a 100 percent <u>fleet</u> by 2040
 - Advanced Clean Fleets transitions drayage trucks, public and high priority fleets to zero-emission through vehicle replacement requirements starting in 2024
- In aggregate, these regulations represent a significant and concentrated electrical load (especially near freight hubs), significant grid upgrades, grid integration challenges, and large-scale public charger deployment

Distributed Resource Plan (DRP) Outcomes: Adopted Frameworks



Integration Capacity Analysis (ICA) Identify DER hosting capacity on each circuit Locational Net Benefits Analysis (LNBA) Calculate the net benefits of DER deferral of transmission and distribution upgrades

Grid Modernization (D.18-03-023)

IOUs propose technology investments to integrate DERs in General Rate Case