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Presentation to the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group

Update: Rulemaking to Consider Strategies and Guidance for Climate Change Climate Adaptation for Electric and Natural Gas Utilities

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Climate Change Adaptation Order Instituting Rulemaking

Proceeding number: R.18-04-019

Objective: Provide guidance to investor-owned electric and gas utilities on how to incorporate climate adaptation into their planning and operations





Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Communities

Develop recommendations on how to identify and prioritize investments and other activities that address the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged communities as related to climate change impacts

- First working group meeting was on Monday, March 25 from 1-3pm at the California Energy Commission in Sacramento
- Discussed the definition of disadvantaged and vulnerable communities





Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Communities

- The second working group meeting for the Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Communities Topic will be on **May 21** at the CPUC in San Francisco and will focus on the following questions:
 - How should utilities and Commission include vulnerable and disadvantaged communities in their efforts to identify and prioritize climate adaptation investments?
 - How should investments and other activities benefiting these communities in the context of climate change impacts be identified and prioritized?
- Staff is developing a proposal for the May meeting; similar to memo for 3/25 meeting





Overview of Topics for 5/21 meeting

- **Principles for Community Engagement**
 - Presentation from Self Help Enterprises re: community outreach and engagement for the San Joaquin Valley affordable energy proceeding
- **Assessment of Impacts to Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Communities**
 - Update to the IOUs' vulnerability assessments
 - Understand *who* will be affected by climate impacts on the utility's system





Assessment of Impacts to Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Communities

- Investor owned utilities conducted vulnerability assessments in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy
- Staff will propose that the utilities conduct an update to those existing vulnerability assessments to include analysis of how climate impacts to utility infrastructure will affect vulnerable and disadvantaged communities
- Staff will propose that utilities consult with local governments and community-based organizations in developing this update to their vulnerability assessments
- The assessment of impacts to vulnerable and disadvantaged communities will then allow the IOUs to plan for adaptation investments and activities





May 21 Meeting Information

Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Exact time TBA, likely 10:00am – 4:00pm
Golden Gate Room
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Ave.
San Francisco, CA

WebEx and call-in number for the meeting:

Event number: 716 858 488

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