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CPUC TO HOLD WORKSHOPS ON IMPACTS OF DE-ENERGIZATION ON VULNERABLE CUSTOMERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

SAN FRANCISCO, November 16, 2018 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today said it will hold public workshops in northern and southern California to address potential impacts of utility de-energization practices.

Northern California

What: Workshop on Impacts from De-Energization: Focus on Vulnerable Populations

When: December 14, 2018, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Santa Rosa Veteran's Memorial Building, Lodge Room, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Remote Access: WebEx: <https://bit.ly/2KdtB61>, meeting number 710 613 992, password: Mitigation; Listen-only call-in number 1-877-820-7831, access code 479881

Southern California

What: Workshop on Impacts from De-Energization: Focus on First Responders and Local Government

When: January 9, 2019, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Calabasas Founders Hall, 100 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA 91302

Remote Access: WebEx: <https://bit.ly/2RU9Oef>, meeting number 717 534 465, password: Mitigation; Listen-only call-in number 1-877-820-7831, access code 479881

The state's investor-owned utilities have authority to shut off electric power to protect public safety under California law. This process is called de-energization. This authority includes shutting off power to prevent fires caused by strong winds. The utilities have recently developed programs to



exercise this authority during severe wildfire threat conditions as a preventative measure of last resort. On July 12, 2018, the CPUC adopted rules to strengthen customer notification requirements before de-energization events and ordered utilities to engage local communities in developing de-energization programs.

The CPUC is working with the Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), and first-responders to address potential impacts of utility de-energization practices on emergency response activities, including evacuations. The CPUC is also monitoring the development and will continuously assess implementation of de-energization programs by utilities, including performing a thorough review of de-energization events as they occur.

More information on de-energization is available at www.cpuc.ca.gov/deenergization.

While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken.

If specialized accommodations are needed to attend, such as non-English or sign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or toll free at 866-849-8390 at least three business days in advance of the event, if possible.

The CPUC regulates services and utilities, protects consumers, safeguards the environment, and assures Californians' access to safe and reliable utility infrastructure and services. For more information on the CPUC, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov.

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