



Scoping Memo Information for (New) Applications

(Rule 2.1(c) and Article 7)

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A. Category ¹ (Check the category that is most appropriate)

Adjudicatory - “Adjudicatory” proceedings are: (1) enforcement investigations into possible violations of any provision of statutory law or order or rule of the Commission; and (2) complaints against regulated entities, including those complaints that challenge the accuracy of a bill, but excluding those complaints that challenge the reasonableness of rates or charges, past, present, or future.

Ratesetting – “Ratesetting” proceedings are proceedings in which the Commission sets or investigates rates for a specifically named utility (or utilities), or establishes a mechanism that in turn sets the rates for a specifically named utility (or utilities). “Ratesetting” proceedings include complaints that challenge the reasonableness of rates or charges, past, present, or future. Other proceedings may also be categorized as ratesetting when they do not clearly fit into one category.

Quasi-Legislative – “Quasi-Legislative” proceedings are proceedings that establish policy or rules (including generic ratemaking policy or rules) affecting a class of regulated entities, including those proceedings in which the Commission investigates rates or practices for an entire regulated industry or class of entities within the industry.

B. Are Hearings Necessary? Yes No

If “yes,” identify the material disputed factual issues on which hearings should be held, and the general nature of the evidence to be introduced.

¹ See, California Public Utilities Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, Rule 2.1(c) and Article 7, (http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/published/RULES_PRACT_PROC/70731.htm)

Are Public Witness Hearings Necessary? Yes No

Public witness hearings are set up for the purpose of getting input from the general public and any entity that will not be a party to the proceeding. Such input usually involves presenting written or oral statements to the presiding officer, not sworn testimony. Public witness statements are not subject to cross-examination.

C. Issues—List here the specific issues that need to be addressed in the proceeding.

Public need and scope of the project.

D. Schedule (Even if you checked “No” in **B.**, above) Should the Commission decide to hold hearings, indicate here the proposed schedule for completing the proceeding within 12 months (if categorized as “Adjudicatory”) or 18 months (if categorized as “Ratesetting” or “Quasi-Legislative”).

The schedule should include proposed dates for the following events as needed:

<u>March 15, 2010</u>	Prehearing Conference
<u>April 14, 2010</u>	Hearings
<u>May 14, 2010</u>	Briefs due
<u>June 14, 2010</u>	Submission
<u>September 13, 2010</u>	Proposed decision (90 days after submission)
<u>November 12, 2010</u>	Final decision (60 days after proposed decision is mailed)

Docket Office Note: The above information should be set forth either in the text of the application or, if this form is used, it should be inserted into the application packet after the signature(s) of the filer, but immediately prior to the commencement of any exhibits.

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