



# California Public Utilities Commission

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## News Release

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### **PUC TO HOLD EN BANC ON CORE/NONCORE ISSUES**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1, 2004 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will hold an en banc to discuss various viewpoints on the potential for a Core/Noncore retail electric market structure, which would allow large customers competitive choice, while small customers would retain the security of bundled utility service.

**WHEN:** Tues., April 20, 2004, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** PUC Auditorium, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco

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**WHAT:** PUC members, along with members of other State energy agencies, will hear panel discussion from individuals representing various viewpoints on core/noncore (see agenda below).

Any person wishing to address the members may do so by signing up at the start of the meeting with the PUC's Public Advisor. Public comment will be limited given time constraints. Individual speakers should expect to have approximately 3 minutes. If special accommodations for the disabled are needed, such as sign language interpreters, please call the PUC's Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074 or send an email to: [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov).

Presentation documents, if any, will be available on the PUC's website at [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov), under the Core/Noncore item in "In the Spotlight". Commission staff has prepared a report to foster discussion on the Core/Noncore market structure for the retail electric market and PUC President Michael R. Peevey has written a letter in response to the report, both of which are posted to the PUC's website under the Core/Noncore item in "In the Spotlight". President Peevey will also post to

the website and circulate an alternative proposal for a core/non-core market structure prior to the hearing, so that participants may compare and contrast the options under consideration.

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## **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



## **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

### **Agenda**

#### **Core/Non-Core Electric Market Structure Options:**

#### **En Banc Hearing**

**Tuesday, April 20**

**CPUC Auditorium**

**505 Van Ness Avenue**

**San Francisco**

**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

The Public Utilities Commission members, along with members of other State energy agencies, will hear panel discussion from individuals representing various viewpoints on the potential for a core/non-core retail electric market structure. Panelists will give reactions to the Division of Strategic Planning report, as well as an outline of an alternative structure from President Peevey, to be circulated prior to the meeting.

9:00           Introductory Remarks, Michael Peevey, President, CPUC

9:15           Panel 1: Academia

James L. Sweeney, Management Science and Engineering,  
Stanford University

Severin Borenstein, Business Administration and Public Policy,

UC Berkeley

Frank A. Wolak, Economics, Stanford University

James Bushnell, Research Director, UC Berkeley Energy Institute

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15 Panel 2: Electricity Consumers

The Utility Reform Network

Office of Ratepayer Advocates

California Manufacturers and Technologies Association

Silicon Valley Manufacturers' Group

Selected aggregated load customer

City of San Diego

California Farm Bureau

11:10 Panel 3: Utilities

San Diego Gas and Electric

Southern California Edison

Pacific Gas and Electric

PacifiCorp

SMUD

Noon Lunch Break

1:15 Panel 4: Market Participants

Independent Energy Producers

Alliance for Retail Energy Markets

Western Power Trading Forum

Calpine

Constellation New Energy

2:00 Panel 5: Other Stakeholder Groups

Coalition of California Utility Employees  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
CEERT  
Consumers Union  
Greenlining/Latino Issues Forum

2:45-3:00    Break  
  
3:00            Public Comment  
  
4:00            Adjourn

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For further information about making public comments at this meeting, please contact the PUC Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074 or by e-mail: [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov).

There will be simultaneous audio cast of this meeting. Information on Internet webcast can be found at [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov).

This location is accessible to people with disabilities. If specialized accommodations for the disabled are needed, e.g., sign language interpreters, please call the PUC Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074 three business days in advance of the meeting.