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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider
Authorization of a Non - Bypassable
Charge to Support California's Wildfire
Fund.

Rulemaking 19-07-017

**E-MAIL RULING SEEKING COMMENT ON
DRAFT SERVICING ORDERS**

Dated May 6, 2020, at San Francisco, California.

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Subject: R.19-07-017: Email Ruling Seeking Comment on Draft Servicing Orders

Dear members of the R.19-07-017 service list:

On May 4, 2020, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) sent a memorandum to the Commission and individually to the Commissioners requesting adoption of draft Wildfire Fund Non-Bypassable Charge (Wildfire Fund NBC) Servicing Orders applicable to the large electrical corporations. These draft Servicing Orders set terms and conditions allowing DWR and the large electrical corporations to cooperate in funding the Wildfire Fund using the Wildfire Fund NBC, as envisioned by Water Code Section 80520 (stating that DWR “may contract with an electrical corporation or its successor in the performance of related service, as an agent of the department, to provide billing, collection, and other related services on terms and conditions that reasonably compensate the electrical corporation or its successor for its services, and adequately secure payment to the department”).

According to DWR, the draft Servicing Orders are modeled on the Servicing Orders that were adopted by the Commission in Decision (D.) 11-03-004 for the large electrical corporations in relation to the DWR Bond Charge. DWR seeks Commission approval of these draft Servicing Orders pursuant to Water Code Sections 80500, et seq.

DWR requests that the draft Servicing Orders be adopted by the Commission as soon as practicable.

The draft Servicing Orders and the DWR memorandum to the Commission are attached to this email ruling. This email ruling seeks party comment on the following questions with respect to the draft Servicing Orders:

- 1) Is it reasonable for the Commission to order the large electrical corporations to provide the requested services on the terms and conditions specified in the proposed Servicing Orders?
- 2) Do the draft Servicing Orders enable the Commission to successfully impose the Wildfire Fund NBC under the terms of the Public Utilities Code, Water Code, and D.19-10-056? If not, what changes should be made to the draft Servicing Orders in order to successfully impose the Wildfire Fund NBC under the terms of the Public Utilities Code, Water Code, and D.19-10-056?

Interested parties may file and serve their comments on the above questions on or before May 29, 2020.

IT IS SO RULED.

The Docket Office shall formally file this ruling.

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