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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish a Framework and Processes for Assessing the Affordability of Utility Service.

Rulemaking 18-07-006

ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING SEEKING COMMENT ON THE USE AND INTERPRETATION OF THE AFFORDABILITY FRAMEWORK

The *Decision Implementing the Affordability Metrics*, Decision (D.) 22-08-023, established a multi-year period of assessment on the implementation of the affordability metrics¹ and set up a process to facilitate such feedback on the implementation after each annual Affordability Report. Specifically, parties were invited to comment on the prior year's implementation of the affordability metrics, the implementation of the affordability metrics in individual proceedings and the implementation of the affordability metrics in the annual Affordability Report.² Accordingly, this Ruling provides an opportunity for parties to (1) respond to the questions in Section 5.3 of D. 22-08-023;³ (2) comment generally on the use and interpretation of the affordability framework in individual Commission proceedings; and (3) comment generally on the use and

¹ The terms affordability metrics and affordability framework may be used interchangeably, as both terms encompass features of the metrics defined and standardized in D.20-07-032: definitions, quantities of essential service, as well as the three adopted metrics.

² Decision 22-08-023 at 71 and Ordering Paragraph 12.

³ *Ibid.* at 71-73.

interpretation of the affordability framework in the annual Affordability Report⁴ (Attachment 1 of this Ruling), by no later than November 30, 2022.

Additionally, since the issuance of D.22-08-023, energy and Class A water utilities are submitting the first Itemized Lists of Revenue Requests.⁵ Parties are also invited to comment on these lists, specifically:

1. Do the Itemized Lists of Revenue Requests provide information in a useful and accessible format?
2. Are there any specific ways these Itemized Lists of Revenue Requests could be improved?

IT IS SO RULED that by no later than November 30, 2022, parties may file and serve comments on (1) the questions in Section 5.3 of D.22-08-023; (2) the use and interpretation of the affordability framework in individual Commission proceedings; (3) the use and interpretation of the affordability framework in the annual Affordability Report; and (4) on the Itemized Lists of Revenue Requests submitted by the energy and Class A water utilities.

Dated October 13, 2022 Sacramento, California.

/s/ DARCIE L HOUCK

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Assigned Commissioner

⁴ The 2020 Affordability Report is also available at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/electrical-energy/affordability/2020-annual-affordability-report>

⁵ Itemized Lists of Revenue Requests are available (energy utilities) or will be available after November 1, 2022 (Class A water utilities) at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/electrical-energy/affordability/quarterly-revenue-request-reports>

Attachment 1

2020 Annual Affordability Report