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Order Instituting Rulemaking to  
Establish Energization Timelines.

Rulemaking 24-01-018

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING PROVIDING  
PARTIES INFORMATION FROM THE  
FEBRUARY 2, 2024, OPENING WORKSHOP**

This ruling incorporates the questions presented during the February 2, 2024, workshop on the Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Energization Timelines (Rulemaking (R.) 24-01-018), and the recording of that workshop, into the record of this proceeding ahead of the deadlines for opening and reply comments. This ruling also confirms the deadlines for filing opening and reply comments on R.24-01-018.

**1. Questions Raised During the  
February 2, 2024, Workshop**

The questions posed by Energy Division staff during the workshop are as follow:

1. How should the Commission develop energization timing targets?
  - a. What timeframe do customers consider to be "timely" and "untimely" for energization?
  - b. How should the Commission determine whether an energization timeline is reasonable?
  - c. What data should the Commission use to determine reasonable average and maximum timing targets? What, if any, additional data collection efforts should the Commission direct to further inform energization timing targets?

- d. Should the Commission adopt state-wide energization timelines, or should the timelines be utility-specific? Why or why not?
  - e. Should the Commission develop different energization timing targets that are specific to customer or project types? If yes, what customer or project types should have separate timelines? If not, why?
  - f. What measures should be considered to ensure the energization timing targets do not result in certain energization requests being prioritized more than others?
  - g. What, if any, are the differences in the energization processes for customers requesting new service compared to upgraded service? How should these differences be reflected in the energization timing targets?
2. What are the key milestones and metrics for the customer and utility to complete for each step in the Rule 15 and 16 energization process? How do these milestones align with the customer's energization timing expectations?
- a. What are the key barriers the impact a utility's ability to meet a customer's requested energization completion date? How should the energization timing targets recognize the realities of the timing needed to complete each step in the energization process, while also reflecting efforts to accelerate the energization process?
  - b. How should the energization timing targets recognize the options for Electric Rule 15 and 16 that allow the customer to choose if the utility or applicant will complete certain tasks?
  - c. How should local ordinances that may cause certain projects to be delayed (i.e., undergrounding requirements, limits to the time-of-day construction can be performed, etc.) be factored into the energization timing targets?

3. What innovations or process improvements are being considered or implemented by the utility and/or applicant to streamline the energization processes?
  - a. What are the specific steps in the energization process that these innovations or process improvements seek to improve? How can these efforts be scaled across the utilities?
  - b. What regulatory barriers are preventing the utility and/or customer from streamlining the energization process?
4. How should delays that are the responsibility of the applicant or another stakeholder be factored into the energization timing targets?
  - a. What efforts are the utilities currently taking to minimize delays that are not in their direct control?
  - b. Should the Commission direct the utilities to pursue efforts to minimize delays that are not in their direct control? If yes, what efforts should the Commission consider? If not, what ways, if any, can the utilities support overcoming the delay(s)?
  - c. How should the utility demonstrate to the Commission and public that they made these efforts early in the energization process?
  - d. How should the Commission factor issues that are not within the utilities' direct control (e.g., authorized funding, staffing, supply chains, etc.) in the energization timelines?
5. What venues do customers currently pursue to seek resolution to ongoing energization delays?
  - a. How are the utilities tracking the causes and efforts to resolve the delay(s)? Is this information made public by customers or the utilities? If so, where can this information be viewed?
  - b. Do the utilities and/or Commission have an existing venue that can allow customers to report energization delays? If yes, identify the venue. If no, what type of

venue is most conducive to ensure energization delays are reported and followed up on?

## **2. Workshop Recording Details**

The full recording of the February 2, 2024, workshop is available at: [AB 50 and SB 410 Energization Process and Timeline Workshop](#).<sup>1</sup>

The recording password is: 3NkMi6Rt.

The questions listed in Section 1 above, and the recording linked in Section 2 of this ruling, are incorporated into the record of this proceeding. When filing and serving comments on R.24-01-018, parties may refer to specific questions or specific timeframes or slides from the workshop recording.

Parties may also comment on issues beyond the questions defined above when filing and serving comments on R.24-01-018, if their comments are pertinent to the preliminary scope adopted in the Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Energization Timelines.<sup>2</sup>

Opening comments are due on February 20, 2024, and must not exceed 20 pages.

Reply comments are due on March 1, 2024, and must not exceed 15 pages.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. The questions raised in the February 2, 2024, workshop on the Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Energization Timelines are incorporated into the record of Rulemaking 24-01-018.

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<sup>1</sup>

<https://cpuc.webex.com/recordingservice/sites/cpuc/recording/playback/9cb6ac88a41e103cbb7db674dcba80b3> is the full website for the workshop recording. The recording password is 3NkMi6Rt.

<sup>2</sup> R.24-01-018 at 3-4.

2. The full recording of the February 2, 2024, workshop on the Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Energization Timelines is incorporated into the record of Rulemaking 24-01-018.

3. Opening comments on the Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Energization Timelines shall be filed and served to the service list of Rulemaking 24-01-018 no later than February 20, 2024, and must not exceed 20 pages.

4. Reply comments on the Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Energization Timelines shall be filed and served to the service list of Rulemaking 24-01-018 no later than March 1, 2024, and must not exceed 15 pages.

Dated February 6, 2024, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DAVID R. VAN DYKEN

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David R. Van Dyken  
Administrative Law Judge

/s/ CAROLYN SISTO

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