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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking  
Regarding Transportation  
Electrification Policy and  
Infrastructure.

Rulemaking 23-12-008

**EMAIL RULING NOTICING & RESETTING PREHEARING  
CONFERENCE FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024 FROM 2:00-3:00 P.M.,  
P.S.T.**

Dated February 8, 2024, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MARCELO POIRIER

Marcelo Poirier  
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**Subject:** R.23-12-008 Ruling: Noticing & Resetting Prehearing Conference for Thursday, February 29, 2024 from 2-3PM PST

To Parties of Rulemaking (R.) 23-12-008:

This email ruling notices and resets a telephonic prehearing conference (PHC) in R.23-12-008, for

**Thursday, February 29, 2024, from 2:00-3:00 PM** to determine the parties, positions of the parties, scope, and schedule of the proceeding, and other procedural matters. **Please closely read and follow the instructions contained within this Ruling carefully.**

This proceeding will be conducted remotely via telephone. The dial-in information is as follows:

- Conference Line: 866-556-2084
- Participant Code: 8423816

At this PHC, we shall identify the tentative issues this proceeding will resolve, a tentative schedule for resolving the issues, a need for hearing, and party status.

Participation at the PHC: This hearing will be telephonic on a State of California phone platform. Any parties or potential parties who intend to speak at the PHC must join via the above dial-in information.

Identification of Party Representatives: All interested parties who intend to speak at the PHC are directed to email the name and title of the party representative to the service list no later than **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2024**, with the following in the subject line of the email: "R.23-12-008 Party Representative for PHC."

In the body of this email message, parties are directed provide the information of the party representative who intends to speak in the following format:

PARTY	[Type: Name of Person Appearing on Behalf of PARTY]
Organization Name	[Type: Name of Organization]

If a party does not intend to speak or appear at the PHC, there is no need to provide this information.

Prepared statements: If parties have statements they intend to make during the PHC, please email them to the court reporter ([reporting@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:reporting@cpuc.ca.gov)) on the day of the PHC with the following in the subject line of the email: "R.23-12-008 Party Representative Prepared Statement." Additional instructions may be provided prior to the scheduled PHC.

Reliance on Technology: This telephonic PHC is reliant on technology to relay statements in verbatim format by those in attendance to the court reporter. Thus: (1) the reporter will be interrupting the speakers, when necessary, to do so without disrupting the proceeding, when there is/are inaudible statement(s) or portions thereof, and (2) the reporter will be inserting the word “inaudible” in the transcript when there is dropped, garbled, or otherwise indecipherable audio.

Motions for Party Status: the Commission’s Rules of Practice allow motions for party status to be made by oral or written motion. The PHC will allow the Commission to handle multiple new motions for party status quickly and efficiently. For more information on the requirements see Commission Rule 1.4. At the PHC we will hear oral motions for party status. **However, we encourage all parties to make motions for party status via email to the service list in advance of the PHC.**

If you do not already have party status and plan to make an oral motion for party status at the PHC, please review the following:

1. Review Rule 1.4 prior to the hearing.
2. Be prepared to explain why you or the entity you represent is interested in being a party AND the extent to which you anticipate participating in the proceeding.
3. Complete the attached Service List Form (see link below) and serve it on the service list before the PHC by close of business on Thursday.

This will help us keep the PHC efficient and organized. You may find the form for Addition/Change to Official Service List at: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/files/legacyfiles/s/5395-service-list-addition-change.pdf>

Preliminary Scope of Issues: to help facilitate an efficient and expeditious PHC, the proposed scope of the initial phase(s) of this proceeding may preliminarily include the following:

**Identification of Time, Location and Size of Electric Vehicle Charging Load to Support Proactive Grid Planning and Future Generation, Distribution, and Transmission Infrastructure Deployment Needs.**

- 1) Locational Considerations: what information does the Commission need to proactively prepare California's grid to support the acceleration of transportation electrification? For example:
  - a) Due to the emerging nature of this topic, should the Commission prioritize the study of electrification timing, load size, and expected location of electrical load growth in corridors (i.e. highways) resulting from transportation electrification?
    - i) If not, what other priorities should the Commission consider? Why?
  - b) If corridors are the primary priority, should the Commission initially focus on electric load needs based on freight business models? Or, alternatively, should other use cases be considered (i.e., public light-duty vehicle charging plazas)?
  - c) Should the Commission and the electrical corporations narrow geographic areas within each service territory for a needs assessment?
  - d) Should there be a process for periodically updating or revising transportation electrification related planning priorities beyond this initial focus? If so, what should the cadence be?
  
- 2) Data Needs and Planning: what data inputs do the Commission and the electrical corporations need to quantify future transportation electrification load? For example:
  - a) Should the Commission develop and adopt common data and planning inputs, or inputs and assumptions, for use in existing grid planning processes?
  - b) How should the data and planning inputs be screened, adopted, and updated?
  - c) What uncertainties should the Commission take into consideration? For example, how should: (1) uncertainties in future technology developments or business trends be considered; and (2) how should uncertainties with fleet electrification plans be considered? For example, how much reliance should there be on depot versus public charging when considering timing, location, and size of future load?
  
- 3) Electrical Corporation Constraints: how should the Commission direct the electrical corporations to assess the cost, timing, and regional constraints to support proactive planning for transportation electrification load growth?
  - a) How should the electrical corporation assessments be overseen to ensure outcomes are actionable and reasonable?
  
- 4) Informing Grid Planning Processes: how should the data outputs, identified above, inform existing grid planning processes (i.e., the Distribution Planning

Processes and the Integrated Resources Planning process)? And, how, later in this proceeding, should these data outputs inform utility investment and cost recovery?

**PHC Statements:** Respondents - and any interested party - to this proceeding shall file and serve concise PHC Statements by **Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 5:00PM** stating: (1) whether the issues preliminarily identified are reasonable and relevant; (2) whether the Commission should include other issues that are *relevant* (emphasis added) to the identification of time, location, and size of electric vehicle charging load to support proactive grid planning and future generation, distribution, and transmission infrastructure deployment needs; (3) whether the sequencing of the issues are appropriate; and (4) whether the Commission should omit any issues that are *not relevant* (emphasis added) at this time.

Intervenor Compensation: Rule 17.1(a) states that a party interested in participating in the Commission's intervenor compensation program may file a notice of intent to claim compensation may be filed up "until 30 days after the prehearing conference." For more information on this program, please review Article 17 of the Rules and visit the Intervenor Compensation program web page at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/icomp/>.

Expedited Transcripts: Parties desiring expedited transcripts should advise the Chief Hearing Reporter via e-mail at [reporting@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:reporting@cpuc.ca.gov), no later than three days prior to the date of the PHC.

It is so **RULED**.

**The Docket Office Shall Formally File This Ruling.**

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