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Order Instituting Rulemaking to
Modernize the Electric Grid for a High
Distributed Energy Resources Future.

Rulemaking 21-06-017

**EMAIL RULING EXTENDING DEADLINE TO FILE REVISED
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLANS**

Dated January 21, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

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Community Engagement Plans

To the service list of Rulemaking 21-06-017,

This email ruling extends the deadline to May 1, 2026 for San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), collectively referred to as the Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs), to submit their revised Community Engagement Plans (CEPs) in line with the existing deadline to submit their 2026 CEPs and in compliance with a December 11, 2025 Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) ruling granting the Center for Accessible Technology (CforAT)'s motion requesting a Commission order requiring IOU revision of their CEPs.

The December 11, 2025 ALJ ruling ordered the IOUs to revise and refile their CEPs within 45 days to include information listed in an attachment to the ruling. On January 14, 2026, the IOUs sent an email to the service list of R.21-06-017 requesting an extension of the filing deadline for the revised CEPs to May 1, 2026 as part of their 2026 CEPs or alternatively to March 27, 2026 as part of their revised 2025 CEPs. In their email request, the IOUs stated that "submission by

January 26 is not feasible given the short 45-day turnaround set forth in the December Ruling (and especially over the holiday season).” The IOUs also stated that “much of the additional information identified in Attachment A of the Ruling is new and extensive information and/or requires the creation of new materials that were not required in D.24-10-030 Ordering Paragraph 23.” Finally, the IOUs stated that they “are concerned about the inefficiencies and burden of re-filing their CEPs in January (to include the additional information requested in the Ruling), only to have to submit a *new CEP* a few months later in May.”

On January 15, 2026, CforAT sent an email to the service list of R.21-06-017 opposing the IOUs’ request, stating it “is troubled by the assertion below that the materials required by the Ruling issued on December 11 are somehow new and different from what was previously ordered.” CforAT also stated that extending the IOUs’ CEP deadline “would effectively condone their lack of compliance with key elements of the decision requiring effective outreach during the first year of their obligations and would indicate acceptance by the Commission of utility behavior demonstrating that outreach to people with disabilities and other hard-to-reach populations remain an afterthought rather than a fundamental obligation of the community outreach effort.”

Taking into account the IOUs’ request and CforAT’s response, I extend the IOUs’ deadline to submit their revised CEPs to May 1, 2026 in line with their 2026 CEP filing requirements. I extend the deadline taking into consideration the impending May 1, 2026 deadline for the IOUs to file their 2026 CEPs and the limited amount of time left in the 2025 CEP cycle. However, as CforAT states, the December 11, 2025 ALJ Ruling did not ask for “new materials that were not required in D.24-10-030 Ordering Paragraph 23.” The ALJ ruling only sought a complete response to Ordering Paragraph 23 of Decision 24-10-030 while finding that the IOU CEPs “lack sufficient clarity and implementation details on certain topics, and could be significantly strengthened.” As D.24-10-030 states, the CEP requirements “will facilitate Utilities in developing a standardized and consistent outreach program,” and the IOUs are expected to provide a full response to Ordering Paragraph 23 and the December 11, 2025 ALJ ruling as part of their 2026 CEPs.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The deadline set in the December 11, 2025 ALJ Ruling for the IOUs to file their revised CEPs is extended to May 1, 2026 in line with their existing deadlines to file their 2026 CEPs.

THE DOCKET OFFICE WILL FORMALLY FILE THIS RULING.

Best,

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