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

Rulemaking 21-06-017

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES' RULING SETTING SCHEDULE
FOR THE 2026-2027 DISTRIBUTION
PLANNING AND EXECUTION PROCESS CYCLE**

This ruling sets the procedural schedule for the 2026-2027 Distribution Planning and Execution Process (DPEP) activities to support the Grid Needs Assessment (GNA) and Distribution Upgrade Project Report (DUPR), as well as the Independent Professional Engineers (IPE) Reports.

In Decision (D.) 24-10-030, *Decision Adopting Improvements to Distribution Planning Process And Execution, Distribution Resource Planning Data Portals, and Integration Capacity Analysis Maps*, the Commission eliminated the Distribution Investment Deferral Framework (DIDF) solicitations.¹ The Commission retained elements of the DIDF, including activities related to the Distribution Forecast Working Group (DFWG), the Distribution Planning Advisory Group (DPAG), and the GNA. The Distribution Deferral Opportunity Report (DDOR) was renamed DUPR.²

The Commission refocused the entire DIDF process from a distribution investment deferral solicitation process to a process focused on the facilitation of

¹ See D. 24-10-030 Ordering Paragraph (OP) 24, pp. 199-200.

² See *id.*, OP 26, p. 201

improving transparency of the Distribution Planning and Execution Process (DPEP) and monitoring distribution planning upgrades and improvements.³ The Commission authorized the continuation of DPAG meetings and reporting requirements to assist the Commission in providing transparency of the DUPR, the successor to the DDOR, and any other annual reports related to distribution planning.⁴

The table below covers activities from two overlapping DPEP planning cycles – 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.

- 2025-2026 DPEP cycle includes the final steps and filing of the 2025-2026 GNA/DUPR this year and associated IPE plans, analysis, and reports ending with the IPE Post-DPAG report in March 2027.
- 2026-2027 DPEP cycle includes the Joint Utilities selecting Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) scenarios and related planning work starting in May 2026 for the initial development of the 2026-2027 GNA/DUPR filed in August 2027 next year.

Pursuant to D.24-10-030, it is ruled that the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 DPEP Schedule is as follows:

Activity	2025-2026 DPEP	2026-2027 DPEP
Pre-DPAG 2026		
Joint Utility proposal on IEPR scenarios and Scenario Planning scenarios to apply to the 2026-2027 GNA/DUPR served on the service list. ⁵	Friday May 9, 2025	Friday May 8, 2026

³ See *id.*, OP 24, *supra*.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ For purposes of this Ruling, the Joint Utility proposal shall be submitted jointly by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), and Southern California Edison Company (SCE) (collectively, Joint Utilities).

Activity	2025-2026 DPEP	2026-2027 DPEP
• Distribution Forecasting Working Group (DFWG) workshop (final workshop date to be determined in coordination with the Energy Division). The 2026 DFWG workshop covers activities for both 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 DPEP Cycles. In addition: ○ The Joint Utilities shall present their IEPR scenarios and Scenario Planning scenarios for the 2026-2027 GNA/DUPR for stakeholder comment. • For the 2025-2026 DPEP Cycle during the DFWG: ○ PG&E and SCE shall present updated Decision Logic Frameworks (Scenario Planning) for use in the 2025-2026 GNA/DUPR published in August 2026. ○ SDG&E shall provide transparent and concise engineering explanations in lieu of a Decision Logic Framework.⁶ ○ Energy Division's approval or modification of the	Week of May 18, 2026	Week of May 17, 2027

⁶ See Resolution E-5414 Scenario Planning, OP 5.

Activity	2025-2026 DPEP	2026-2027 DPEP
proposed Scenario Planning scenarios shall be served to the service list, and the approved Scenario Planning scenarios shall be reflected in the 2025-2026 GNA/DUPR.⁷ • The Joint Utilities shall present a proposed hot spot calculation methodology for the 2025-2026 cycle. • Draft Independent Professional Engineer (IPE) Plan served on the service list		
Energy Division serves to the service list its approval or modification of PG&E and SCE's Decision Logic Framework proposals and SDG&E's transparent and concise engineering explanations in lieu of a Decision Logic Framework for the 2025-2026 GNA/DUPR.⁸	Friday June 12, 2026	
Stakeholder comments on Joint Utility proposal for IEPR scenarios and Scenario Planning scenarios to apply to the 2026-2027	Thursday June 19, 2025	Thursday June 18, 2026

⁷ OP 7, Resolution E-5414 Scenario Planning

⁸ OP 6, Resolution E-5414 Scenario Planning

Activity	2025-2026 DPEP	2026-2027 DPEP
GNA/DUPR, which shall be served on the service list.		
Energy Division serves to the service list its approval or modification of the Joint Utility IEPR scenario and Scenario Planning scenarios proposals for the 2026-2027 GNA/DUPR.	Friday August 1, 2025	Friday July 31, 2026
DPAG 2026		
Each Utility files and serves its 2025-2026 GNA/DUPR, including its Final IPE Plan.	Monday August 17, 2026	Monday August 16, 2027
Each Utility updates its Distribution Resources Plan (DRP) Data Portal with 2025-2026 GNA/DUPR data.	Friday August 28, 2026	Friday August 27, 2027
Each Utility files and serves its IPE Preliminary Analysis of 2025-2026 GNA/DUPR data adequacy.	Friday September 4, 2026	Friday September 3, 2027
Each Utility hosts its DPAG meeting. In addition: For 2026-2027 DPEP Cycle: The Joint Utilities shall present in Fall 2026 their proposed Decision Logic Frameworks for use in the 2026-2027 GNA/DUPR published in August 2027.⁹ Note: Each Utility shall provide workshop	Week of September 14, 2026	Week of September 13, 2027

⁹ See Resolution E-5414 Scenario Planning, OP 5.

Activity	2025-2026 DPEP	2026-2027 DPEP
participation details and complete agendas for each meeting to the Service List at least 10 days before the first meeting.		
Stakeholders submit questions and comments to the Joint Utilities and IPE, which shall be served to the service list.	Friday September 25, 2026	Friday September 24, 2027
Each Utility serves responses to stakeholder questions to the service list.	Monday October 5, 2026	Monday October 4, 2027
• The Joint Utilities shall coordinate with the Energy Division regarding the potential need for any follow-up webinars. • Optional deadline for submission of line-section data supplements to the 2025-2026 GNA/DUPR.	Week of October 12, 2026	Week of October 11, 2027
Energy Division serves its approval or modification of each Utility's Decision Logic Framework for the 2026-2027 GNA/DUPR on the service list. ¹⁰		Friday October 23, 2026

¹⁰ OP 6, Resolution E-5414 Scenario Planning

Activity	2025-2026 DPEP	2026-2027 DPEP
Each Utility files and serves its IPE DPAG Report.	Friday November 6, 2026	Friday November 5, 2027
Post-DPAG 2026		
Joint Utility files and serves its IPE Post-DPAG Report.	Monday March 15, 2027	Monday March 13, 2028

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated April 20, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JACK CHANG
Jack Chang
Administrative Law Judge

/s/ JUSTIN REGNIER
Justin Regnier
Administrative Law Judge