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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the California Market Transformation Administrator (U1399E) for Approval of the Second Tranche of Statewide Energy Efficiency Market Transformation Initiatives.

Application 26-07-004

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

This ruling sets a prehearing conference (PHC) in this proceeding for September 11, 2026, commencing at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time, to determine the scope and schedule for the proceeding. The public Webex information is as follows:

Date and time: Friday, September 11, 2026 10:00 AM | Pacific Time

Join link:

<https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=ma21e2f665b0a15a8762c026991218b60>

Webinar number: 2490 728 6947

Webinar password: 2026 (2026 when dialing from a phone or video system)

Join by phone:

1-855-282-6330 United States Toll Free

+1-415-655-0002 United States Toll

Access code: 249 072 86947

Oral motions for party status will not be entertained during the PHC.

Entities may signal their interest in formal party status by filing a written motion

for party status explaining their interest in participating, in accordance with Rule 1.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Entities need not have achieved party status prior to the PHC in order to speak at the PHC. Each organization must select one individual to speak on its behalf during the PHC.

Entities are asked to designate the specific individual to me by e-mail at julie.fitch@cpuc.ca.gov with a cc to the assigned proceeding analysts Laura Compton at laura.compton@cpuc.ca.gov and Christina Dang at christina.dang@cpuc.ca.gov, by no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 4, 2026, with the following subject line: "A.26-07-004 et al.: Designated Representative for PHC." The e-mail should contain the name of the representative, how the speaker wishes to be addressed (including preferred pronouns, if desired, and correct pronunciation of the name), the speaker's e-mail address and phone number, and the name of the organization being represented.

Because of the virtual/remote format, this PHC will necessarily be formal. Representatives are reminded that the court reporters will need to transcribe the proceedings, and therefore speakers should adhere to the following ground rules:

1. Speak only when addressed by one of the Administrative Law Judges (ALJs);
2. Identify yourself before speaking and turn on your camera each time;
3. Speak into your microphone or headset and do not use a speakerphone;
4. Mute yourself when not speaking; you may also turn your camera off;
5. Speak slowly and clearly;
6. Do not interrupt or speak over another speaker;

7. Expect court reporters to interrupt, if necessary, to request clarification of garbled or inaudible statements; and
8. The technical hosts for the PHC will monitor who is speaking and if there is extraneous background noise from non-speakers, they may mute individuals and notify them via the Chat function. Do not take offense at this, it is intended to ensure that the court reporters may prepare a complete and accurate record.

If parties have prepared statements they intend to make during the PHC, please e-mail the statements to the court reporters (reporting@cpuc.ca.gov) no later than the morning of the PHC. Parties desiring expedited transcripts should advise the hearing reporters via e-mail no later than September 4, 2026, by filling in the form included as Attachment A to this ruling.

Shortly before the PHC, I or one of the proceeding analysts listed above will e-mail out to all designated participants the speaker's link and passcode (which will enable speakers to unmute themselves and enable their cameras), the order in which participants will have the opportunity to speak, and an agenda for the PHC. I anticipate that each speaker will have the opportunity to speak at least twice during the PHC. Speakers should be on the lookout several days before the PHC for the email providing the speaker's link and passcode.

Individuals planning to speak should attend the PHC prepared to discuss any and all facts and legal issues that are associated with the application that require resolution through the submission of testimony; timing and need for evidentiary hearings (if any); categorization of the proceeding; schedule; and any other issues directly related to the case management of this proceeding. Parties should also be prepared to discuss their opinions of the advantages and disadvantages of the potential for consolidation of this proceeding with the

other energy efficiency applications proceedings already underway in A.26-03-009 et al.

Parties wishing to file PHC statements may do so by no later than September 4, 2026. PHC statements are permitted but not required.

Finally, as a courtesy to parties, this ruling will be served on the service lists of the energy efficiency rulemaking (R.25-04-010) and the consolidated energy efficiency portfolio applications proceedings (A.26-03-009 et al.).

IT IS RULED that:

1. A Prehearing Conference will be held on Webex beginning at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time on September 11, 2026, to discuss the scope and schedule of Application 26-07-004 and related matters. Any interested entities may participate as outlined in this ruling.
2. Organizations wishing to designate a single speaker representative at the Prehearing Conference shall e-mail the assigned Administrative Law Judge by no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 4, 2026, at julie.fitch@cpuc.ca.gov, and the assigned proceeding analysts Laura Compton at laura.compton@cpuc.ca.gov and Christina Dang at christina.dang@cpuc.ca.gov, with the name, title, preferred pronouns and pronunciation, e-mail, phone number, and organization being represented.
3. Speakers at the prehearing conference shall be prepared to address the advantages and disadvantages of the potential to consolidate this market transformation application with the other energy efficiency applications contained in already-consolidated Applications 26-03-009 et al.
4. Prehearing Conference statements may be filed by no later than September 4, 2026.

5. Parties requesting expedited transcripts shall fill out Attachment A and e-mail it to the court reporters at reporting@cpuc.ca.gov by no later than September 4, 2026.

6. This ruling shall be served on the service lists for Rulemaking 25-04-010 and Applications 26-03-009 et al.

Dated August 26, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

 /s/ JULIE A FITCH
Julie A. Fitch
Administrative Law Judge

ATTACHMENT A
(Transcript Order Form)