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**CPUC OPENS ADVANCED SAFETY SEMINAR SERIES  
WITH INTRODUCTION TO INTERCONNECTED INFRASTRUCTURE**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23, 2016 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today announced that the first session in its new Advanced Safety Seminar Series, adopted as part of the CPUC's 2016 Safety Action Plan, will offer an introduction to interconnected infrastructures.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 13, 2016, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** CPUC Auditorium, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco; also available in real time and archived via video webcast at: [www.californiaadmin.com/ca/cpuc/](http://www.californiaadmin.com/ca/cpuc/)

**WHO:**

- Paul R. Schulman, Professor of Government at Mills College and a Senior Research Associate at University of California, Berkeley's Center for Catastrophic Risk Management
- Emery Roe, Senior Research Associate at University of California, Berkeley's Center for Catastrophic Risk Management

This discussion will focus on interconnected infrastructures, such as electricity, gas, communications, transportation, and water, and will address questions such as: who manages the risk between interconnected infrastructures; what are some examples of cascading risk between interconnected infrastructures; how do risk managers identify the connections between different infrastructures to increase safety and reliability; and what are the respective roles for industry, government, and academia?

This Advanced Safety Seminar is a joint presentation with the CPUC's Thought Leaders Speaker Series. To register for this event (not required, but appreciated) and for more information on Thought Leaders, including archived video webcasts of prior Thought Leaders events, please visit: [www.cpuc.ca.gov/thoughtleaders](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/thoughtleaders).



The Advanced Safety Seminar Series is designed to advance a safety culture within the CPUC by providing a forum in which to discuss safety issues that cut across different regulated industries and regulatory programs. The sessions will help staff and stakeholders identify potential safety issues that may originate outside their respective areas of responsibility, and help the CPUC identify and cultivate safety leaders within its ranks.

The CPUC hosts its Thought Leaders Speaker Series to stimulate thought and discussion of some of the most pressing challenges facing California utility regulators and the private sector industries impacted by state policies. Leading experts from around the world take center stage to offer their expertise and vision in areas such as communications, energy, water, transportation, the environment, green jobs, and more.

Although a quorum of Commissioners may be in attendance, no CPUC action will be taken at this event.

For more information on the CPUC, please visit: [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov).

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