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## **CPUC HEADS TO FRESNO FOR SERIES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

SAN FRANCISCO, October 25, 2018 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is heading to Fresno in November for its Voting Meeting and a series of public forums on consumer issues such as improving public participation in CPUC proceedings, increasing access to affordable energy in disadvantaged communities in the San Joaquin Valley, and reducing service disconnections for customers of natural gas and electric utilities. Information on each event is below, and any updates and materials will be available by clicking on the date of the event on the calendar on our homepage at [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov).

### **Workshop to Discuss the Accessibility of CPUC Proceedings**

**What:** A workshop to brainstorm and discuss ideas for enhancing public participation and making CPUC proceedings more accessible. While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken. The workshop agenda and presentations will be available on the CPUC's website at: [www.cpuc.ca.gov/policyandgovernance](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/policyandgovernance).

**When:** November 7, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

**Where:**

- Fresno County Board of Supervisors Chambers, Hall of Records, 2281 Tulare St., Third Floor, Fresno, CA 93721
- Two-way call-in number 888-469-3084, passcode 93721
- Webcast [www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc](http://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc)

### **Voting Meeting**

**What:** Come and hear the CPUC's Commissioners discuss and vote on various utility issues, and watch a presentation on Fresno rail safety issues. The Voting Meeting begins with public comment, and members of the public are encouraged to attend. Those intending to make public comment can sign-up to speak in person before the meeting starts, or can sign-up online in advance at <https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/requesttocomment/> (please also check in in person before 9:30 a.m.). The agenda, hold list, presentations, and more information will be available at [www.cpuc.ca.gov/Commission\\_Meeting](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Commission_Meeting).



**When:** November 8, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

**Where:**

- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Fresno Governing Board Room, 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave., Fresno, CA 93726
- Listen-only call-in number 800-857-1917, passcode 92105
- Webcast [www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc](http://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc)

**Public Forum on Increasing Access to Energy in the San Joaquin Valley**

**What:** A forum (called a Public Participation Hearing) to hear from the public about the CPUC's efforts to increase access to affordable energy for disadvantaged communities in the San Joaquin Valley. The public is encouraged to attend to provide comment on proposed pilot projects in the communities of Allensworth, Alpaugh, California City, Cantua Creek, Ducor, Fairmead, Lanare, Le Grand, La Vina, Monterey Park Tract, Seville, and West Goshen. Information about the proceeding and the pilot projects is available at:

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M230/K751/230751738.PDF>.

**When:** Two forums:

**1) When:** November 1, 2018, 6:15 p.m.-8 p.m. Prior to the public forum, the CPUC will hold an All-Party Meeting from 4:45 p.m.-6 p.m. for formal parties to the proceeding, and the public is welcome to join.

**Where:** San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Central Office, Governing Board Room, 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave., Fresno, with remote access at the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Northern Office at 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto, and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Southern Office at 34946 Flyover Ct., Bakersfield

**2) When:** Nov. 7, 2018, 6 p.m.

**Where:** Tulare Council Chambers, 475 N. M St., Tulare

The CPUC welcomes attendance, as public comments help the CPUC reach an informed decision. Spanish interpreters will be available at the Fresno and Tulare locations. For those unable to attend in person, written comments may be submitted to: CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102, or via email to [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov). Please refer to proceeding number R.15-03-010 on any written or email correspondence about this proceeding. All public comments received are provided to the CPUC's Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judge assigned to the case. While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken. For more information on Public Participation Hearings, please see [www.cpuc.ca.gov/PPH](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PPH).

**Utility Disconnection Workshops**

**What:** A workshop to discuss ways to reduce natural gas and electric utilities from disconnecting consumers from service. This workshop will discuss proposed policies and rules to reduce disconnections, and utilities and community organizations will make presentations. Time will be allocated to hear comment from the public from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken.



**When:** Two workshops:

**1) When:** Nov. 19, 2018, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**Where:** UC Merced Center for Educational Partnerships, Inyo/Kern Room, 550 E. Shaw Ave., Fresno

**2) When:** Dec. 6, 2018, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Where:** San Joaquin Council of Governments, 555 E. Weber Ave., Stockton

Also in Fresno on Nov. 9, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), and the California Energy Commission will conduct a **workshop on the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC)**, which provides grants for projects at various developmental stages, from lab, to demonstration projects, to market facilitation/adoption. The workshop will provide an update on planned EPIC 3 investments and solicit input on the scoping of the investments. The CPUC requires PG&E, Edison, SDG&E, and the Energy Commission to consult with interested stakeholders no less than twice a year. The workshop will take place at PG&E's Fresno Clubhouse at 2252 S. Orange Ave., Fresno, CA 93725. Remote access is available via a listen-only call-in number at 800-603-7556, passcode 817 292 505#; or via WebEx at <https://pge.webex.com/pge/j.php?MTID=m7934917129236a0172917cb18f9ccdab>, meeting number 815 468 868. Register at [www.eventbee.com/event?eid=102278942](http://www.eventbee.com/event?eid=102278942).

If specialized accommodations are needed to attend any of these events, such as non-English or sign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov) or toll free at 866-849-8390 at least three business days in advance of the events.

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