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CPUC TO HOLD VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE CREDIT

SAN FRANCISCO, February 24, 2021 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold a remote access (virtual) workshop to receive input on ways to improve the delivery, awareness, and impact of the electric California Climate Credit, which is part of California's efforts to fight climate change. Last year, residential electric customers across California received over \$750 million dollars in direct on-bill assistance from the credit. Since 2014, California residents have received over \$5.5 billion in total in Residential Climate Credits, with the average customer receiving over \$450 total.

Every spring and fall, millions of California residents receive credits on their electric and natural gas bills identified as the [California Climate Credit](#). The California Climate Credit comes from a state program that requires power plants and other large industries that emit greenhouse gases to buy carbon pollution permits from auctions managed by the California Air Resources Board. The credit on the electricity bills of consumers represents the consumer's share of the payments from the State's program.

WHAT: California Climate Credit Workshop

WHEN: Thursday, March 4, 2021, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Remote access via WebEx or conference line:

- Attendees should register in advance of the meeting. Video and call-in options will be provided through email after registration.
- WebEx registration link:

<https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/onstage/g.php?MTID=e0665fb39a7a2907a3e72f93bd0ca8249>



BACKGROUND:

This workshop is intended to continue the process of developing and refining a shared understanding of long-term issues facing the industrial, small business, and residential electric climate credits for 2021-2030. The workshop will include discussion of proposals for improvements submitted by parties as well as the options presented in a Staff Proposal, including but not limited to:

- What steps should the CPUC take to improve crediting processes, including streamlining administration and delivery for the Residential, Small Business, and CA Industry Assistance?
- What is the administrative feasibility and cost-effectiveness of these improvements?
- When should the implementation of these improvements occur?

The most updated information related to the meeting will be posted on <http://bit.ly/3bl2RhQ>.

While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken on this matter.

The Ruling setting the public workshop is available at:

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M362/K898/362898778.PDF>.

Documents related to the proceeding are available at

https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:R2005002.

Written comments on the issue may be submitted at www.cpuc.ca.gov/Docket. Insert proceeding number R2005002 in the “Proceeding Number Search” field and click the “Search” button. Then click on the proceeding number that comes up on the next page and then the “Public Comments” tab. From there you can submit a comment and read the comments of others. Public comments received online are available to the CPUC’s Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judge assigned to the case and can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

If specialized accommodations are needed to attend, such as non-English or sign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC’s Public Advisor’s Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or toll free at 866-849-8390 in advance of the workshop.



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