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MEDIA ADVISORY

CPUC TO HOLD PUBLIC BRIEFINGS ON UTILITY EXECUTION OF 2021 PSPS EVENTS TO IMPROVE FUTURE PERFORMANCE

SAN FRANCISCO, February 15, 2022 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in ongoing efforts to reduce the impacts of utility Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events, will hold public briefings on the operations and performance of the state's investor-owned utilities during the 2021 PSPS events in California to capture lessons learned and improve performance in 2022.

WHEN: Two days, as follows:

- February 23, 2022, 9 a.m. 12:30 p.m.: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), PacifiCorp, and Liberty Utilities
- February 25, 2022, 1 4:30 p.m.: Southern California Edison (SCE) and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)

WHY: The CPUC is requiring utilities to publicly address their execution and performance of PSPS events during the last wildfire season. At the briefings, PG&E, PacifiCorp, Liberty, SCE, and SDG&E will provide information on their 2021 PSPS performance, including lessons learned and improvements planned in preparation for the 2022 wildfire season.

WHERE: Access each briefing virtually via webcast or phone, as follows:

- Live video broadcast with English or Spanish captions via webcast: www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc
 - Participants who choose to view via webcast will have audio and video, but will not be able to make verbal comment. If you would like to make comments during the briefings, refer to the phone-in information below.

- For captions, after clicking on the name of the briefing, click the green button below the video for captions. Then select captions by clicking on the white icon next to the word "live" at the bottom of the video.
- The briefings will be recorded and archived for future viewing.
- Phone (English): 800-857-1917, passcode: 7218384#
 - Participants will have audio (in English) and will be able to make comments.

The most updated information related to the briefings, including an agenda, will be posted on <u>www.cpuc.ca.gov/psps</u>.

In response to Governor Gavin Newsom's directive concerning restrictions on public gatherings to protect customers and community members during COVID-19, the briefings will not have in-person attendance. Members of the public can view the briefings via the Internet, or listen and make comment by toll-free phone line. Those who would like to make public comment must participate by phone.

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

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 <u>public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov</u> or toll free at 866-849-8390 at least three business days in advance of the briefings.

The CPUC regulates services and utilities, protects consumers, safeguards the environment, and assures Californians' access to safe and reliable utility infrastructure and services. For more information on the CPUC, please visit <u>www.cpuc.ca.gov</u>.

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Joint IOUs Workshop on 2021 Public Safety Power Shutoff Events Day 1: February 23, 2022, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Day 2: February 25, 2022, 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Webcast: www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc Public Comment (English): 1-800-857-1917 passcode: 7218384#

DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1: February 23, 2022

9 - 9:15 a.m.	Opening Remarks
	CPUC Commissioner
	CAL FIRE Representative
	 Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) Representative
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.	PG&E Presentation and Questions from Dais: 2021 Performance and Lessons Learned for 2022 Wildfire Season
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.	PacifiCorp Presentation and Questions from Dais: 2021 Performance and Lessons Learned for 2022 Wildfire Season
10:45 - 11:15 a.m.	Liberty Utilities Presentation and Questions from Dais: 2021 Performance and Lessons Learned for 2022 Wildfire Season
11:15 a.m 12:15 p.m.	Public Comments*
	*Any member of the public may make public comments including parties to the proceeding. Comments may not address issues pertaining to PSPS events that are subject to and within the scope of an open Commission adjudicatory proceeding.
12:15 - 12:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks
	CPUC Commissioner
	CAL FIRE Representative
	Energy Safety Representative
Day 2: February 25, 202	2
1 - 1:15 p.m.	Opening Remarks
	CPUC Commissioner
	CAL FIRE Representative
	Energy Safety Representative
1:15 - 2:15 p.m.	SCE Presentation and Questions from Dais: 2021 Performance and Lessons Learned for 2022 Wildfire Season
215 - 3:15 p.m.	SDG&E Presentation and Questions from Dais: 2021 Performance and Lessons Learned for 2022 Wildfire Season
3:15 - 4:15 p.m.	Public Comments*

*Any member of the public may make public comments including parties to the proceeding. Comments may not address issues pertaining to PSPS events that are subject to and within the scope of an open Commission adjudicatory proceeding.

4:15 -4:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

- CPUC Commissioner
- CAL FIRE Representative
- Energy Safety Representative