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CPUC TO HOLD EDUCATION AND OUTREACH WORKSHOP ON FUTURE GRID OPERATIONS AND DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES PLANNING

SAN FRANCISCO, August 17, 2022 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold a virtual workshop to educate stakeholders about current and future electric grid operations to facilitate community-based feedback on planning for a high number of Distributed Energy Resources (DER), including electric vehicles.

WHEN: August 23, 2022, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Access the workshop remotely via WebEx or phone, as follows:

- WebEx link:
<https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/onstage/g.php?MTID=e7ec6ec5f0b68b5b38385e69ea551be68>
 - WebEx password: psU9C2m7azX
 - WebEx event number: 2487 709 1305
- Phone toll free: 1-855-282-6330 or toll 1-415-655-0002, access code: 2487 709 1305

WHAT: The CPUC will hold a virtual workshop to: 1) Provide foundational education to stakeholders on distribution planning and grid operations topics to support meaningful engagement and participation in the CPUC's High DER Grid Planning proceeding, [R.21-06-017](#); and, 2) Present new and existing plans for community engagement. The California Energy Commission is coordinating with the CPUC on DER outreach efforts, including this workshop. As part of the proceeding, the CPUC will develop a Future Grid Study designed to address the questions:

1. How do alternative Distribution System Operator models compare in their ability to plan and operate a high DER grid, unlock economic opportunities for DERs to provide grid services, limit

market power, reduce ratepayer costs, increase equity, support grid resiliency, and meet State policy objectives?

2. Should California's investor-owned utilities be incentivized to cost-effectively prepare for widespread DER deployments? If so, how?

The most updated information related to the workshop will be posted on www.cpuc.ca.gov/events-and-meetings/r2106017-workshop-08-23-2022.

The Ruling setting the workshop is available at <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M496/K441/496441208.PDF> and includes the workshop agenda.

Due to continued concerns about COVID-19, the workshop will not have in-person attendance.

Members of the public can make their voice heard in this proceeding, and read the comments of others, on our online Docket Card comment section at apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/R2106017 and at <https://gridworks.org/initiatives/california-future-grid-study>.

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

If special 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 at least three business days in advance of the workshop.

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