

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 11

To: Board of Directors

From: Keyes & Fox, Regulatory Consultant

Subject: Regulatory Monitoring Report – Keyes & Fox

Date: October 10, 2024

Please find attached Keyes & Fox’s September 2024 Regulatory Memorandum dated October 2, 2024 an informational summary of the key California regulatory and compliance-related updates from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

Attachment: Keyes & Fox Regulatory Memorandum dated October 2, 2024

Valley Clean Energy Alliance

Regulatory Monitoring Report

To: Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCE) Board of Directors

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Subject: Monthly Regulatory Update

Date: October 2, 2024

Keyes & Fox LLP and EQ Research LLC are pleased to provide VCE's Board of Directors with this informational memo describing key California regulatory and compliance-related updates from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) over the past month.

Demand Flexibility

Background: This rulemaking was opened to update the CPUC's rate design principles and guidance for advancing demand flexibility, and the proceeding may also modify, consolidate, or eliminate existing dynamic rate pilots. Phase 1-Track A established an income-graduated fixed charge (IGFC) for residential rates for all investor-owned electric utilities in accordance with Assembly Bill 205 (Stats. 2022, ch. 61). Phase 1-Track B first adopted rate design and demand flexibility principles and then expanded VCE's AgFIT Pilot throughout PG&E distribution territory.

Recent Developments: On September 3, the Energy Division [approved](#) VCE's Advice Letter 17-E implementing the expanded VCE AgFIT pilot and dismissed Public Advocates Office Protest thereto. Also on September 3, the Energy Division approved PG&E's Advice Letters [7222-E-B](#) and [7223-E-B](#), pertaining to PG&E's implementation of the expanded pilots pursuant to D.24-01-032. On September 16, the ALJ issued a [Ruling](#) seeking comments regarding changes to D.24-05-028 (see [Staff recommendations memo](#)) and a proposed additional budget to support the continued development of the tools previously created to improve the calculation of income-graduated fixed charges as well as default residential time-of-use rate structures in Phase 2 of R.22-07-005 ([TOU reform guidance memo](#)). Comments are due September 30 and reply comments are due October 7.

Analysis: The expanded VCE AgFIT pilot to be administered by VCE is authorized to launch on November 1, 2024 and VCE is currently authorized by the Energy Division to commence marketing, education and outreach efforts for this pilot.

Next Steps: The expanded AgFIT pilot is required to begin enrollment in November. A proposed decision on Track B Working Group 1 proposals regarding rate design for marginal generation capacity costs is expected by the end of this year.

Additional Information: ALJ [Ruling](#) (Sep. 16, 2024); [Disposition Letter](#) on VCE AL 17-E (Sep. 3, 2024); PG&E [AL 7223-E-B](#) (Aug. 13, 2024); PG&E [AL 7351-E](#) (Aug. 13, 2024) and [AL 7351-E-A](#) (Sep. 13, 2024); [Letter](#) granting PG&E dynamic rate pilot enrollment extension (May 31, 2024); PG&E [Request](#) for dynamic rate pilot enrollment extension (May 24, 2024); [D.24-05-028](#) (May 15, 2024); VCE [Substitute Sheet](#) AL 17-E (Apr. 18, 2024); PG&E [AL 7222-E-A](#) (Apr. 17, 2024); [D.24-01-032](#) (Jan. 26, 2024); [Phase 1 Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Nov. 2, 2022); [OIR](#) (Jul. 22, 2022); Docket No. [R.22-07-005](#).

RPS Rulemaking

Background: This proceeding addresses ongoing Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) requirements, including legislative mandates, and other matters related to the purchase of renewable energy. This proceeding is the forum for review of VCE's RPS Procurement Plan and RPS Compliance reports.

Recent Developments: On September 5, parties filed reply comments on Retail Sellers' RPS Procurement Plans. Also on September 5, Retail Sellers filed updates to their RPS Procurement Plans. On September 11, the ALJ issued a [Proposed Decision](#) levying a \$500 financial penalty on CleanPowerSF, Direct Energy Business, and Pilot Power Group for non-compliance with the mandatory inclusion of non-modifiable standard terms and conditions in their RPS contracts.

Analysis: The requirement to report compliance with RPS Compliance Period 4 ('21-'24) is upcoming and CCAs will need to ensure all RPS contracts contain such non-modifiable standard terms and conditions well in advance.

Next Steps: Comments on the Proposed Decision are due October 1, reply comments are due October 7, and the proposed decision may be heard, at the earliest, at the Commission's October 17 business meeting. A proposed decision on 2024 RPS Procurement Plans is expected in Q4 2024.

Additional Information: [Proposed Decision](#) (Sep. 11, 2024); VCE [Draft 2024 RPS Procurement Plan](#) (Jul. 22, 2024); PG&E [AL 7332-E](#) (Jul. 22, 2024); Resolution [E-5323](#) on ReMAT rates (Jun. 24, 2024); [Assigned Commissioner's Ruling](#) on 2024 RPS Procurement Plans (May 17, 2024); [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (May 9, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Mar. 7, 2024); [OIR](#) (Feb. 1, 2024); Docket No. [R.24-01-017](#).

RA Rulemaking (2025-2026)

Background: This proceeding considers resource adequacy (RA) requirements for LSEs and will address the 2025 and 2026 RA compliance years, local RA procurement obligations for the 2025-2028 compliance years, and further development of the 24-hour Slice-of-Day (SOD) framework. Track 1 was focused on priority issues including RA capacity requirements, SOD framework implementation, and RA compliance and penalties. Track 2 is focused on Central Procurement Entity (CPE) framework issues, including potential structural modifications, and Track 3 will be focused on remaining RA capacity issues. The Commission issued a decision (D.24-06-004) on Track 1 on June 26, 2024.

Recent Developments: Comments and reply comments on the Commission's revised SOD planning reserve margin (PRM) calculation tool were filed on September 9 and September 16, respectively. The 2025 PRM is 17% and Energy Division's July analysis resulted in a 2026 PRM of 18.5%, as discussed in [PG&E's Comments](#). However, the recent August revisions to the 2026 PRM resulted in a PRM of 26.5% for January through May and 23.5% for June through December. Although the [CAISO's Comments](#) supported the higher PRM level, concerns about the accuracy and cost implications of the higher PRM in the August study were raised in comments by many parties, including [CalCCA](#), [ARem](#), [Protect Our Communities Foundation](#), [SDG&E](#), [SCE](#), [PG&E](#), and the [PAO](#). On September 19, PG&E submitted its 2024 Annual Compliance Report for its Central Procurement Entity (CPE) as [AL 7365-E](#) showing the PG&E CPE has a negative (i.e., under-procurement) net local RA position in all months of the years from 2025-2027. Protests of the advice letter are due October 9.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: The first year-ahead SOD showing is due in November 2024. A proposed decision in Track 2 is expected in November 2024.

Additional Information: PG&E [AL 7365-E](#) (Sep. 19, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Jul. 22, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Jun. 26, 2024); [D.24-06-004](#) (Jun. 26, 2024); [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Dec. 18, 2023); [OIR](#) (Oct. 16, 2023); Docket No. [R.23-10-011](#).

EV Rates & Infrastructure

Background: This rulemaking is the successor to [R.18-12-006](#) and will focus on issues related to 1) timely energization of electric vehicle (EV) charging, 2) transportation electrification grid planning to support charging infrastructure deployment, 3) deployment of behind-the-meter (BTM) charging infrastructure to support state goals, 4) vehicle-grid integration (VGI), and 5) ongoing transportation electrification policy development and collaboration.

Recent Developments: On September 13, PG&E filed its Vehicle-Grid Integration Strategies [Semi-Annual Report](#), which outlines the utility's vehicle-grid integration activities from January 1 to June 30, 2024.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: There is no current procedural schedule for this proceeding.

Additional Information: PG&E [Semi-Annual VGI Report](#) (Sep. 13, 2024); [Resolution E-5326](#) (Jul. 17, 2024); [Letter](#) granting extension (Jun. 5, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Jun. 3, 2024); [Vehicle-Grid Integration Forum Report](#) (May 21, 2024); [Resolution E-5314](#) (Apr. 19, 2024); [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Apr. 12, 2024); [Draft Resolution E-5314](#) (Mar. 8, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Dec. 27, 2023); [OIR](#) (Dec. 20, 2023); Docket No. [R.23-12-008](#).

IRP Rulemaking

Background: This proceeding governs the biennial Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) process, including load serving entity (LSE) procurement requirements, the establishment of a variety of state- and LSE-level load and procurement forecasts, greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets, and ongoing reliability obligations.

Recent Developments: On September 12, the ALJ issued a [Ruling](#) seeking comments on proposed electricity resource portfolios for CAISO's 2025-2026 transmission planning process (TPP). Comments on the Ruling were filed September 30 and reply comments are due October 7. On September 17, the CPUC issued [D.24-09-006](#) allowing the use of short-term bridge resources for temporary, alternative compliance with the Diablo Canyon replacement resource category procurement requirement in D.21-06-035.

Analysis: The [proposed base case portfolio](#) in the ALJ TPP Ruling is designed to be similar to the 2024-2025 TPP base case, with the same policy assumptions. It incorporates the 25 MMT by 2035 GHG emissions target, includes the resources from individual load-serving entity IRPs submitted in November 2022, and uses the same resource baseline and modeling inputs and assumptions. D.24-09-006 permits the use of short-term contracts for zero greenhouse gas or RPS-eligible resources for up to three years beyond the D.21-06-035 compliance deadline of June 1, 2025.

Next Steps: By March 1, 2025, the CPUC may request that DWR exercise the centralized procurement mechanism. VCE's next IRP filing is due November 1, 2025.

Additional Information: [D.24-09-006](#) (Sep. 17, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Sep. 12, 2024); [D.24-08-064](#) on central procurement of LLT resources (Aug. 29, 2024); [Proposed Decision](#) on bridge resources (Aug. 9, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (May 21, 2024); [Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling \(Correction/Clarification\)](#) (Apr. 18, 2024); [D.24-02-047](#) (Feb. 20, 2024); [D.23-12-014](#) (Dec. 19, 2023); [D.23-02-040](#) on Procurement (Feb. 28, 2023); Docket No. [R.20-05-003](#).

Diablo Canyon Cost Recovery

Background: This proceeding will establish rates effective January 1, 2025 to recover the forecast costs associated with extended operations of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) during the September 2023-December 2025 time period. Customers across the state – including CCA customers - will pay for the costs of extended operations at DCPP, and will be allocated the resource adequacy (RA) and greenhouse gas (GHG)-free benefits associated with those operations. PG&E proposes, in its application, certain changes to the allocation of RA and GHG-free benefits to load serving entities (LSEs). It also proposes specific uses for the volumetric performance fee revenue it will collect from customers in 2025.

Recent Developments: No recent developments.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: Opening briefs are due October 1, market price benchmarks will be issued on October 1, reply briefs are due October 21, and a proposed decision is expected in November 2024.

Additional Information: PG&E [AL 7295-E-A](#) (Aug. 30, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Aug. 27, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Aug. 15, 2024); [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Jun. 18, 2024); PG&E [AL 7295-E](#) (Jun. 12, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (May 15, 2024); [Amended Application](#) (Apr. 8, 2024); [Application](#) (Mar. 29, 2024); Docket No. [A.24-03-018](#).

Microgrids

Background: This proceeding was opened to implement the requirements of SB 1339 (Stern, 2018), requiring the commercialization of microgrids for distribution customers of the large IOUs. The initial three tracks have concluded, and Track 4 and Track 5 address the establishment of a Microgrid Incentive Program (MIP), potential contributions that microgrids can make to mitigating capacity shortages in the near-term, the development of a multi-property microgrid framework, and examination of the value of resiliency from microgrids.

Recent Developments: On September 17, the CPUC issued a [Proposed Decision](#) (PD) adopting implementation rules for multi-property microgrid tariffs and closing the proceeding. The PD may be heard as early as the November 7 Commission meeting. Comments on the PD are due October 7 and reply comments are due October 14.

Analysis: The PD would adopt a multi-property microgrid tariff for PG&E, SDG&E, and SCE, in compliance with SB 1339 (Stern, Stats. 2018, Chapter 566), that does not shift costs to ratepayers. The PD's adopted tariff is a modified version of the Joint IOUs' multi-property microgrid tariff proposal. The tariff must be used by non-utility microgrids deployed through the Microgrid Incentive Program, which supports disadvantaged and vulnerable communities that are impacted by grid outages and may otherwise be unable to deploy a multi-property microgrid project without facing substantial capital costs.

Next Steps: This proceeding will conclude following the approval of the proposed decision.

Additional Information: [Proposed Decision](#) (Sep. 17, 2024); PG&E [AL 7042-E-B](#) (Jul. 23, 2024); CALSSA [PFM](#) (Jun. 11, 2024); [Order](#) denying Joint Application for Rehearing (Apr. 19, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Mar. 27, 2024); Microgrid Resources Coalition [proposal](#), Green Power Institute [proposal](#), Clean Coalition [proposal](#) (Dec. 15, 2023); PG&E [MIP Handbook](#) (Oct. 12, 2023); [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Jul. 18, 2023); [D.23-04-034](#) on Microgrid Incentive Program Implementation (Apr. 14, 2023); Docket No. [R.19-09-009](#).

Provider of Last Resort Rulemaking

Background: A Provider of Last Resort (POLR) is the utility or other entity that has the obligation to serve all customers (PG&E currently serves in this role for VCE's service area). Phase 1 of this proceeding concluded in April 2024 and addressed POLR service requirements, cost recovery, and options to maintain GHG emission reductions in the event of an unplanned customer migration to the POLR. Phase 2 will build on Phase 1 to set the requirements and application process for non-IOU entities to serve as the POLR. Phase 3 will address specific issues not resolved in Phase 1 or 2.

Recent Developments: No recent developments.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: A Phase 2 scoping memo is expected soon. The first revised FSR posting under this Decision is due March 1, 2025, and subsequent FSR postings are due July 1 and January 1 of each year.

Additional Information: ALJ [Ruling](#) (Aug. 6, 2024); Joint CCA [Advice Letter](#) on new registration (Jul. 17, 2024); [Joint CCA Advice Letter](#) on financial modeling and reporting guidelines (Jul. 1, 2024); [D.24-04-009 / Appendix](#) (Apr. 22, 2024); [Amended Scoping Ruling and Memo](#) (Jun. 19, 2023); [OIR](#) (Mar. 25, 2021); Docket No. [R.21-03-011](#).

PG&E 2023 Phase 1 GRC

Background: Phase 1 General Rate Case (GRC) proceedings set PG&E's revenue requirement, including functionalizing costs into categories such as electric distribution or generation, and impact the costs recovered through rates from customers (e.g., bundled, unbundled, or both) for a set period (in this case, 2023-2026).

Recent Developments: The Commission's Safety Policy Division [intends](#) to request feedback on a series of questions related to the SB 884 Program Guidelines regarding undergrounding. The Division anticipates sending the questions during the week of September 30 and responses will be due 21 days later. On September 25, the ALJ issued a [Ruling](#) transferring the Commission's review of the cost cap for PG&E's Electric Capacity and New Business Interim Memorandum Account (as authorized in D.24-07-008) to the Energization docket (R.24-01-018). Comments on the proposed transfer are due October 4.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: PG&E's Phase 2 GRC was filed on September 30.

Additional Information: ALJ [Ruling](#) (Sept. 25, 2024); [D.24-07-008](#) (Jul. 16, 2024); [Case Management Statement](#) (Feb. 26, 2024); [Third Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Dec. 22, 2023); [D.23-11-069 / Appendices](#) (Nov. 17, 2023); [Second Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Oct. 10, 2023); [Illustrative rates](#) (Sep. 27, 2023); [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Sep. 5, 2023); PG&E's [Amended Application](#) (Mar. 10, 2022); [PG&E Application](#) (Jun. 30, 2021); Docket No. [A.21-06-021](#).

PG&E 2023 Phase 2 GRC

Background: Phase 2 General Rate Case (GRC) proceedings determine PG&E's marginal cost of service and revenue requirement allocation among customer classes for a set period (in this case, 2023-2026).

Recent Developments: PG&E filed its Phase 2 GRC [Application](#) on September 30.

Analysis: In the Application, PG&E proposes to move towards full-cost revenue allocation over the next four years for all customer classes except the Business Electric Vehicle class, and it states that most customer classes will not experience an increase greater than 1.2% per year and others will have offsetting reductions.

Next Steps: Following protests and interventions, a status conference will be held, which will be followed by issuance of a procedural schedule.

Additional Information: [Application](#) (Sep. 30, 2024); Docket No. [A.24-09-014](#).

PG&E 2024 ERRA Forecast

Background: The annual Energy Resource and Recovery Account (ERRA) forecast proceedings establish the amount of the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) and other non-bypassable charges (NBCs) for the following year, as well as fuel and purchased power costs associated with serving bundled customers that utilities may recover in rates.

The April 2 [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) consolidated all three major IOUs' ERRA forecast proceedings for the sole purpose of addressing issues related to the definition of and accounting for "fixed generation costs" in a Track 2.

Recent Developments: No recent developments.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: Intervenor testimony in Track 2 is due October 8, rebuttal testimony is due November 22, a status conference is set for December 3, and evidentiary hearings may be held, if needed, in January 2025. A proposed decision is expected in March 2025.

Additional Information: ALJ [Ruling](#) on Track 2 schedule (May 1, 2024); Joint CCA [Motion](#) (Apr. 26, 2024); IOU [Motion](#) (Apr. 25, 2024); [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Apr. 2, 2024); [Joint Prehearing Conference Statement](#) (Mar. 26, 2024); PG&E [AL 7180-E](#) (Feb. 15, 2024); [D.23-12-022](#) (Dec. 19, 2023); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Dec. 18, 2023); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Nov. 20, 2023); [Market Price Benchmarks](#) (Oct. 2, 2023); [Scoping Ruling and Memo](#) (Sep. 15, 2023); ERRA Trigger [Application](#) (Jul. 28, 2023); CalCCA [Protest](#) (Jun. 16, 2023); PG&E 2024 ERRA Forecast [Application](#) (May 15, 2023); Docket No. [A.23-05-012](#).

PG&E 2025 ERRA Forecast

Background: The annual Energy Resource and Recovery Account (ERRA) forecast proceedings establish the amount of the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) and other non-bypassable charges (NBCs) for the following year, as well as fuel and purchased power costs associated with serving bundled customers that utilities may recover in rates.

Recent Developments: On September 30, the ALJ ruled that an evidentiary hearing was unnecessary, describing PG&E's proposal to change its common cost allocation methodology a "policy" proposal.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: Opening briefs are due October 21, and reply briefs are due October 31. PG&E expects to file its fall update on October 16.

Additional Information: [Joint Case Management Statement](#) (Sep. 27, 2024); [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Aug. 1, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Jun. 13, 2024); PG&E's [Amended Application](#) (May 24, 2024); PG&E 2025 ERRR Forecast [Application](#) (May 15, 2024); Docket No. [A.24-05-009](#).

PG&E 2021 ERRR Compliance

Background: The annual ERRR Compliance proceeding reviews the utility's compliance with CPUC-approved standards for generation-procurement and cost recovery activity occurring in the prior year, such as energy resource contract administration, least-cost dispatch, fuel procurement, and balancing account entries.

Recent Developments: No recent developments.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: A proposed decision was expected in early 2024 but is delayed.

Additional Information: ALJ [Ruling](#) (Nov. 9, 2023); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Sep. 27, 2023); [ALJ Ruling](#) on schedule (Jan. 6, 2023); Assigned Commissioner's [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Aug. 9, 2022); PG&E 2021 ERRR Compliance [Application](#) (Feb. 28, 2022); Docket No. [A.22-02-015](#).

PG&E 2022 ERRR Compliance

Background: The annual ERRR Compliance proceeding reviews the utility's compliance with CPUC-approved standards for generation-procurement and cost recovery activity occurring in the prior year, such as energy resource contract administration, least-cost dispatch, fuel procurement, and balancing account entries.

Recent Developments: No recent developments.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: Opening briefs are due October 4. Reply briefs are due October 11.

Additional Information: ALJ [Ruling](#) (Sep. 3, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Jul. 26, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (May 22, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (May 16, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Apr. 16, 2024); PG&E and CalAdvocates' [Joint Motion](#) for Settlement (Mar. 7, 2024); CalCCA [Motion](#) (Mar. 1, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Feb. 15, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (Sep. 25, 2023); [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Jun. 2, 2023); PG&E 2022 ERRR Compliance [Application](#) and [Notice of Availability](#) (Feb. 28, 2023); Docket No. [A.23-02-018](#).

PG&E 2023 ERRR Compliance

Background: The annual ERRR Compliance proceeding reviews the utility's compliance with CPUC-approved standards for generation-procurement and cost recovery activity occurring in the prior year, such as energy resource contract administration, least-cost dispatch, fuel procurement, and balancing account entries.

Recent Developments: No recent developments.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: A status conference is scheduled for November 1, opening briefs are due December 19, and a proposed decision is expected by mid-March 2025.

Additional Information: [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Jun. 12, 2024); [Joint Prehearing Conference Statement](#) (Apr. 15, 2024); CalCCA's [Protest](#) (Apr. 5, 2024); PG&E 2023 ERRR Compliance [Application](#) (Feb. 28, 2024); Docket No. [A.24-02-012](#).

Building Decarbonization

Background: This proceeding explores reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with energy use in buildings. [D.20-03-027](#) established the Building Initiative for Low-Emissions Development and the Technology and Equipment for Clean Heating program. [D.21-11-002](#) adopted guiding principles for layering building decarbonization incentives, adopted incentives to help wildfire victims rebuild all-electric, and directed the IOUs to study bill impacts from electrification. The current Phase 4 will consider whether modifications to electric line extension rules would assist under-resourced customers, electric baseline allowance modifications to encourage building decarbonization, and new programmatic approaches to building decarbonization.

Recent Developments: No recent developments.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: A proposed decision on Phase 4, Track A considerations is expected in Q3 2024 and a Phase 4, Track B staff proposals is expected in Q4 2024, followed by proposed decisions in Q2 2025.

Additional Information: ALJ [Ruling](#) and Track A [Staff Proposal](#) (Jul. 18, 2024); [Scoping Memo and Ruling](#) (Jul. 1, 2024); [OIR](#) (Feb. 8, 2019); Docket No. [R.19-01-011](#).

Utility Safety Culture Assessments

Background: This rulemaking will define safety culture concepts and determine how the safety culture of PG&E and other utilities in California will be assessed and evaluated. The CPUC's Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety will conduct annual wildfire safety-specific assessments of investor-owned utilities as required by AB 1054, and an independent third-party evaluator will conduct safety culture assessments every five years per SB 901. Phase 1 of this proceeding is focused on developing safety culture assessments for the large investor-owned electric and natural gas corporations, and Phase 2 of this proceeding will be focused on developing safety culture assessments for the small multi-jurisdiction utilities and the gas storage operators.

Recent Developments: No recent developments.

Analysis: N/A

Next Steps: A proposed decision on Phase 1 is expected later this year.

Additional Information: ALJ [Ruling](#) (Jun. 10, 2024); ALJ [Ruling](#) (May 8, 2023); [Scoping Ruling](#) with procedural schedule (Apr. 28, 2022); [Order Instituting Rulemaking](#) (Oct. 7, 2021); Docket No. [R.21-10-001](#).

Other Dockets

The following table identifies other tracked dockets that are closed or inactive.

Docket	Name	Status
R.23-03-007	Wildfire Fund NBC 2024-2026	The Department of Water Resources' 90-day Notice Regarding 2025 Wildfire Non-Bypassable Charge was submitted on September 6. The 90-day Notice sets the WF NBC for 2025 at \$6.01/MWh, or \$0.00601/kWh - a slight increase from the 2024 WF NBC charge of \$5.61/MWh. The 2025 NBC is expected to generate \$930.1 million in revenue, with \$27.7 million being allocated to make up for the projected undercollection in 2024.
R.17-06-026	PCIA Rulemaking	The proceeding was closed by D.23-06-006 . D.24-08-004 (issued Aug. 2, 2024) denied SCE's Petition for Modification of D.23-06-006 and re-closed the proceeding.
A.22-05-002	Demand Response Programs (2023-2027)	D.24-04-006 , issued April 24, 2024, ended the Demand Response Auction Mechanism (DRAM) pilot programs of PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E and closed the proceeding. The proceeding was re-opened to address the June 27 Petition for Modification filed by Leapfrog Power.