



## Outreach Meetings

### High Distributed Energy Resources Proceeding

#### Meeting Goals

1. Listen to stakeholders to gain an understanding and gather information about:
  - a. **Community priorities** with respect to energy (electric and gas);
  - b. Community **challenges and barriers** to adopting clean energy technologies and distributed energy resources (DERs);
  - c. Community-specific, **long-term visions** and the role of electric utilities and DERs in achieving those visions;
  - d. How the CPUC and California Energy Commission can achieve **meaningful community outreach** and establish partnerships; and
  - e. How the utilities (PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E) can best include communities in **electric distribution system planning**.
2. Communicate to participants how insights from tribes, community-based and non-government organizations, and local governments will be used to:
  - a. Inform development of a draft scope of work for a statewide **Community Engagement Needs Assessment** to launch in 2023.
  - b. Gain insights about potential visions, objectives, and characteristics of a future electric grid for California, which will inform a **Future Grid Study** to be developed in 2023.

#### Agenda

##### A. Introduction and orientation

- Brief introduction and welcome conversation about the purpose of the meeting
- Presentation of agenda for the day's conversation
- Orientation to proceeding, topics, and how today's feedback will be used

##### B. Questions for discussion

1. **What are your communities' energy needs and priorities with respect to electricity and natural gas?**
  - a. Describe day-to-day life for your community members with respect to electric and gas service. What challenges do they face?



- b. How often do you experience outages? Are wildfire threats an issue? Does your electric utility adequately communicate with you about electric reliability issues? If not, how could they improve?
      - c. How do you determine your community's electric and gas needs?
      - d. Can you share specific needs, challenges, or opportunities that are unique to your community with respect to energy?
- 2. What challenges and barriers does your community face to adopting clean energy solutions and distributed energy resources?**
  - a. Is your community interested in rooftop or community solar systems, battery storage systems, electric vehicles, electric charging stations, updated windows/doors/insulation/heating and cooling system (energy efficiency and weatherization), or programmable thermostats?
  - b. Are there other technologies or services your community would like to have?
  - c. What are the challenges to or opportunities for clean technology adoption in your community?
  - d. How can energy regulators and utilities learn more about these barriers?
- 3. What is your community's long-term vision for a clean energy future?**
  - a. Can you describe your community's vision in the next 10-20 years and the role of electric utilities and DERs in meeting the vision?
  - b. To achieve that vision, what priorities do you wish your community could make progress on?
  - c. What are the best ways for state regulators to identify community priorities that should be addressed by California's electricity system?
- 4. How can the CPUC and California Energy Commission achieve meaningful community and stakeholder outreach and establish partnerships?**
  - a. How could the CPUC and CEC improve their own community engagement processes?
- 5. How can the utilities (PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E) best include communities in electric distribution system planning?**
  - a. Does your utility engage you in utility distribution planning and operations discussions?
    - i. If yes, what do you like or dislike about current engagement processes?
      1. What barriers do you face engaging with electric distribution planning and operations conversations?
      2. What kind of requirements should be in place to help your community overcome those challenges?
    - ii. If no, are you interested in engaging with your utility about these topics?
      1. What could your utility do to best support your engagement?



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- b. What types of demographic (equity and other components), economic, and community planning studies should the commission complete or review to better understand how to include your community in distribution planning and operations processes?
- c. What would be important to include in a scope of work for a contractor to conduct a statewide Community Engagement Needs Assessment for the CPUC?

## C. Next Steps

- a. Would you be interested in participating in a 2022 workshop to facilitate comments on the scope of work for a statewide Community Engagement Needs Assessment to launch in 2023 that is focused on the question, "What do communities want and need from the electric utility Distribution Planning Process"?
- b. Would you be interested in participating in the technical workshops we're planning in 2023 focused on distribution operations and planning for the future grid?
- c. Would you be interested in reviewing and commenting on the draft Future Grid Study once completed?

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