

**REGULATORY UPDATE FOR April 8, 2026  
(April 1, 2026 – April 7, 2026)**

**I. STATE REGULATORY AGENCIES**

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC OR COMMISSION)<sup>1</sup>**

Proposed Decisions and Resolutions

None to report.

Voting Meeting

The CPUC will hold a voting meeting in San Francisco, California, on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. PT. The energy-related items on the [agenda](#) are below:

Item 4. Resolution E-5440. This Resolution adopts, with modifications, the proposals of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) (IOUs) to establish Integration Capacity Analysis (ICA) remediation plans and baseline reporting pursuant to D.24-10-030. Advice Letters PG&E 7686-E, SCE 5614-E, and SDG&E 4710-E contain separate proposals from each IOU on remediation plans and baseline reporting for their respective ICAs. This Resolution establishes requirements for tracking and reporting issues with ICA that have been identified by the IOUs, parties, and prior orders of the Commission. The progress of the ICA remediation plans and all additional reporting will be included in the Biannual ICA Reports and Quarterly ICA Workshops also established under D.24-10-030.

Item 5. Application (A.) 24-06-001 (Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company for Approval of: (i) Contract Administration, Least-Cost Dispatch and Power Procurement Activities in 2023, (ii) Costs Related to those Activities Recorded to the Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA), Portfolio Allocation Balancing Account, Power Charge Indifference Adjustment Undercollection Balancing Account, Transition Cost Balancing Account, Local Generating Balancing Account, and Modified Cost Allocation Mechanism Balancing Account in 2023, and (iii) Costs Recorded in Related Regulatory Accounts in 2023). This decision grants, with the modifications, the Application of SDG&E for approval of its Energy Resource Recovery Account Compliance for Record Period 2023. SDG&E, in discussion with the intervenors to this application, agreed to update its valuation of its Resource Adequacy portfolio, to correct its accounting of its Renewables Portfolio Standard compliance position, and to allocate the revenue from certain battery energy storage systems to a broader set of customers. This decision adopts those proposed changes. This decision finds that SDG&E's prudently

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<sup>1</sup> Per CPUC Rules of Practice and Procedure Rule 14.3, comments on proposed decisions are due 20 days after issuance of the proposed decision, and reply comments are due five days thereafter. Comments on draft resolutions are due 20 days after the draft resolution appears in the CPUC's daily calendar, per Rule 14.5.

managed activities resulted in recording a net undercollection of \$214.580 million (though this number excludes the amounts in two accounts whose balances are confidential). Finally, this decision authorizes SDG&E to recover the stranded costs from its Green Tariff Shared Renewables programs from all ratepayers via the Public Purpose Programs charge in the equitable manner described herein.

Item 10. Application (A.) 24-04-001 (Application of Southern California Edison Company for a Commission Finding that its Procurement-Related and Other Operations for the Record Period January 1 Through December 31, 2023 Complied with its Adopted Procurement Plan; for Verification of its Entries in the Energy Resource Recovery Account and Other Regulatory Accounts; and for a decrease of \$63.195 million in revenue requirement due to a net overcollection recorded in seven accounts). This decision finds SCE meets the standard for compliance under the ERRA regulatory compliance standards for the 2023 Record Year. According to the decision, SCE complied with all requirements reviewed by the Commission in the ERRA compliance process, during the 2023 Record Year.

Item 11. Application (A.) 24-03-009 (Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval Under Public Utilities Code Section 851 to Lease Entitlements to Transmission Projects to Citizens Energy Corporation). PG&E seeks Commission authorization, under California Public Utilities Code Section 851, to lease entitlements of PG&E transmission projects to a wholly owned subsidiary of Citizens Energy Corporation (Citizens) under the terms and conditions of the Investment Program created by the Development, Coordination, and Option Agreement (DCOA). PG&E also seeks Commission authorization to enter into subsequent second to fifth Option Period Entitlements Leases with Citizens through an expedited Tier 3 Advice Letter process. Finally, PG&E seeks Commission authorization to submit information regarding the executed Entitlement Leases and Citizens' direct bill-paying assistance, estimated to total up to \$450 million over the duration of the five Entitlement Leases, through information-only submittals. This decision does not approve the Option Period Entitlement Leases but authorizes PG&E to file a Tier 3 Advice Letter seeking authorization to enter into each Option Period Entitlements Lease with Citizens for specific transmission projects, with each Advice Letter to be evaluated based on whether they comply with the terms and conditions of the DCOA Investment Program, and whether the transaction will be less favorable than the ratepayer impact of PG&E paying for these same transmission projects through its usual practices.

Item 14. Application (A.) 22-05-006 (In the Matter of the Application of PacifiCorp for an Order Authorizing a General Rate Increase Effective January 1, 2023). This decision grants the Petition for Modification filed on December 15, 2025, by PacifiCorp, seeking to modify Decision 25-06-052 to allow PacifiCorp to file a Tier 2 Advice Letter to implement its 2025 Post-Test Year Adjustment Mechanism. This decision closes the proceeding.

Item 16. Investigation (I.) 26-04-XXX (Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 455.5 and other Commission Authorities to Determine Whether to Eliminate Consideration of Any Portion of the Elkhorn Energy Storage System or to Disallow Any Expenses Related Thereto from Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Rates). This Order Instituting Investigation (OII) is opened on the

Commission’s own motion pursuant to California Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code § 451, § 455.5(c), and Rule 5.1 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure. The purpose of this OII is to determine whether the Elkhorn Energy Storage System (Elkhorn ESS) has remained out of service for nine or more consecutive months and qualifies as a “generation or production facility” under Pub. Util. Code § 455.5; and, whether the Commission should disallow costs related to the Elkhorn ESS from the rates of PG&E pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 455.5 or other statutory authorities. Additionally, this OII directs PG&E to establish a memorandum account, effective immediately, to track its authorized revenue requirement and all revenues PG&E receives for its normal, business-as-usual costs to own and operate the Elkhorn ESS.

Item 28. Rulemaking (R.) 13-02-008 (Order Instituting Rulemaking to Adopt Biomethane Standards and Requirements, Pipeline Open Access Rules, and Related Enforcement Provisions). This decision addresses many of the outstanding issues within the Order Instituting Rulemaking to Adopt Biomethane Standards and Requirements, Pipeline Open Access Rules, and Related Enforcement Provisions. This decision: (1) adopts a Cost Containment Mechanism to protect ratepayers from extreme rate impacts; (2) reduces the overall procurement target set in Decision 22-02-025 from 72.8 billion cubic feet annually to 36.4 billion cubic feet annually; (3) extends both the Diverted Organic Waste procurement target and the overall procurement target to 2035; (4) allows all feedstocks to bid into future Utility solicitations; (5) requires all procurement contracts to be submitted via Tier 3 Advice Letter regardless of contract price; and (6) orders modifications to the gas utilities’ draft Renewable Gas Procurement Plans.

Item 29. Rulemaking (R.26-04-XXX) (Order Instituting Rulemaking on California Advanced Electric Rate Design). In this rulemaking, the Commission will establish advanced electric rate design policies to update residential and non-residential rate structures and their underlying cost inputs so that rates more accurately reflect the cost of providing service, send price signals that support efficient use of grid infrastructure, and allocate costs fairly across all customers. This rulemaking will also address electric rate design issues remaining from Rulemaking 22-07-005, the Demand Flexibility Rulemaking.

### Upcoming Events

*Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Workshop.* On Wednesday, April 15, 2026, from 9:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., the CPUC will host its Annual Stakeholder Meeting on Energy Efficiency Third-Party Solicitations. The meeting will be held in person at the Irwindale Conference Center at the SCE Energy Education Center, though a Microsoft Teams meeting link is also available for remote participation. The workshop will include an overview of recent CPUC policy changes, energy efficiency best practices, and stakeholder presentations, including from IOUs, program implementers, and Energy Division staff. Meeting materials will be posted to the California Energy Efficiency Coordinating Committee webpage.

## **CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION (CEC)**

### 2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) Update

The CEC has set the following preliminary schedule for the 2026 IEPR. The schedule

will be available on the 2026 IEPR Update [page](#) and subject to regular updates. The initial proposed schedule is as follows:

<b>Task/Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
• Final <i>2026 IEPR Update Scoping Order</i> released	April 2026
• Adopt order instituting informational proceeding	May 2026
• Public workshops on specific topics	May-December 2026
• Release draft <i>2026 IEPR Update</i>	October 2026
• Release proposed <i>2026 IEPR Update</i>	January 2027
• Adopt 2026 IEPR Forecast	January 2027
• Adopt <i>2026 IEPR Update</i>	February 2027

The CEC’s initial 2026 IEPR Update [workshop schedule](#) is now available (and remains subject to change). According to the workshop schedule, all workshops will be held via Zoom and will run from May through December 2026, as follows:

**May 20, 2026:** Staff Workshop on Forms & Instructions, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

**June 19, 2026:** Commissioner Workshop on Geothermal Energy (Part 1), 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**June 30, 2026:** Commissioner Workshop on Energy Equity & Environmental Justice, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**July 9, 2026:** Commissioner Workshop on Geothermal Energy (Part 2), 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**August 5, 2026:** Commissioner Workshop on Forecast Inputs and Assumptions, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**August 31, 2026:** Commissioner Workshop on Load Modifier Inputs and Assumptions, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**November 12, 2026:** Commissioner Workshop on Load Modifier Draft Results, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**December 16, 2026:** Commissioner Workshop on Overall Forecast Results, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Staff Workshop on Fusion Research and Development Innovation Initiative**

The CEC held a workshop on April 2, 2026, to discuss implementation of its new Fusion Research and Development Innovation Initiative, created pursuant to SB 80 (Caballero, 2025). The purpose of the initiative is to accelerate the development and growth of fusion energy by advancing fusion science and technology. The staff workshop will facilitate a discussion on fusion energy research needs and barriers and identify opportunities that could be supported by grant funding under the Fusion Research and Development Innovation Initiative. Documents for

the workshop, including an agenda and access details, are available [here](#). Written comments may be submitted to the docket 26-ERDD-01 by April 16, 2026.

#### Workshops on EV Charger Reliability Reporting and on Interoperability Standards

*Workshop on Roaming and Interoperability.* The CEC hosted a remote workshop on March 25, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PT to present and discuss concepts related to standardizing communications for Plug & Charge and the EV charging experience. The purpose of the meeting was to gather industry input as the CEC considers options for establishing minimum standards that enhance the reliability and driver experience across California's public EV charging infrastructure. Presentations and a workshop agenda and access details are available on the docket, [here](#). Written comments can be submitted to the CEC by 5:00 p.m. PT on April 15, 2026.

*Workshop on the Regulations for Improved EV Charger Recordkeeping and Reporting, Reliability, and Data Sharing.* On March 26, 2026, the CEC hosted a staff workshop to explain the recently adopted Regulations for Improved EV Charger Recordkeeping and Reporting, Reliability, and Data Sharing (EV Charger Data and Reliability Standards), which took effect on April 1, 2026. Meeting presentations and related materials are available [here](#).

#### Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC)

On April 2, 2026, the CEC circulated a "Save The Date" for the CEC's annual EPIC Symposium indicating that the event is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at the California Natural Resources Agency building (715 P Street) in Sacramento, California. More details will be provided when made available by the CEC.

#### CEC Business Meetings

The next CEC Business Meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2026. The agenda and supporting materials are available [here](#).

#### **MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (MPUC)**

At its April 9, 2026, agenda meeting, the MPUC will meet to consider: (1) rescinding approvals of Minnesota Power's Nemadji Trail Energy Center-related affiliated interest agreements (Docket No. E015/AI-17-568); (2) approval of Otter Tail Power Company's investments in Distributed Solar Energy Standard Projects (Docket No. E017/M-25-338); (3) approval of Xcel Energy's Petition for approval of its 2026 Renewable Energy Standard Rider revenue requirements (Docket No. E002/M-25-400); (4) reconsideration of its decision to approve the site permit amendment for the Big Bend Wind Project (Docket No. IP7013-WS-19-619); (5) acceptance of the Certificate of Need application for the Maple River to Cuyuna 345kV Transmission Line Project (Docket No. E015, ET2, E017/CN-25-109); and (6) acceptance of the

Certificate of Need application for the Gopher to Badger Link 765kV High Voltage Transmission Line Project (Docket No. ET3, E002/CN-25-121).

## **PACIFIC NORTHWEST (OPUC, WUTC, BPA)**

### **Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC)**

The Washington legislature continues to consider a pair of bills, SB 6171 and HB 2515, although progress on the bills has slowed in recent weeks. The bills would require Emerging Large Energy Use Facilities (ELEUFs) to purchase their energy and pay for needed infrastructure through new tariffs or contracts developed by the state's utilities. Under the bills, starting in 2031, ELEUFs commencing operation after July 1, 2026, must certify to the state that 80% of the energy used to serve their load in the prior year came from renewable or non-emitting resources, and that they purchased the electricity and renewable energy certificates to substantiate that certification in a "single transaction." The laws require ELEUFs to serve their load using 100% renewable or non-emitting resources beginning in 2035. There has been no movement on SB 6171 in the Senate. Additionally, there have been no developments regarding HB 2515 following its return to the House Rules Committee for a third reading on March 12, 2026.

## **II. FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC)**

### **April 2026 Commission Meeting**

FERC [noticed](#) its April 2026 Commission Meeting, which will take place on April 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. ET. A webcast link will be available on the week of the meeting.

### **Electric Transmission Formula Rate Process Workshop**

FERC [noticed](#) a workshop on FERC's electric transmission formula rate processes on May 12, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET. FERC stated its workshop will provide a forum for Commission staff, jurisdictional utilities, and transmission formula rate data users to discuss: (1) an overview of the mechanics of transmission formula rates; (2) transmission formula rate implementation protocols; (3) transmission formula rate annual updates; (4) the transmission formula rate audit program; (5) common compliance issues in transmission formula rates; and (6) the Commission's regulatory accounting program.

## **III. INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATORS (ISO) AND REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATIONS (RTO)**

### **CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR (CAISO)**

#### **Stakeholder Initiatives: Upcoming Meetings and Deadlines**

**2024-2025 Transmission Planning Process: San Jose B 230 kV Transmission Line Project Delayed.** The CAISO is delaying the selection of an approved project sponsor to finance, construct, own, operate, and maintain the NRS – San Jose B 230 kV Transmission Line Project. According to the CAISO, the additional time will allow for conducting the CAISO’s comparative analysis and to undertake the necessary due diligence in selecting an approved sponsor.

**2025-2026 Transmission Planning Process.** The CAISO made the draft transmission plan available [here](#) on April 7, 2026. Additionally, the CAISO will host a hybrid public stakeholder meeting for transmission planning process to discuss the draft. The stakeholder meeting will take place on April 15, 2026.

**2027 and 2031 Local Capacity Technical Study Draft Results Call.** The CAISO is conducting the local capacity technical study of the ISO tariff and will hold a stakeholder call on April 9, 2026, to present and discuss the proposed final 2027 and 2031 local capacity technical study results. The results will be posted to the 2027 local capacity requirements [website](#). The stakeholder call details can be found [here](#).

**Extended Day-Ahead Market (EDAM) Congestion Revenue Allocation Phase 2.** The CAISO will host a virtual stakeholder working group call on April 17, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to continue discussions on Phase 2 of the EDAM congestion revenue allocation initiative. The meeting information is available [here](#).

## **SOUTHWEST POWER POOL (SPP)**

### **SPP Expansion**

SPP officially began coordinating reliability and offering its wholesale market in the West with the third expansion of its regional transmission grid on April 1 by adding a number of power cooperatives, utilities, power authorities, and transmission associations from Arizona, Colorado, and Utah to SPP’s system.

## **ISO-NEW ENGLAND (ISO-NE)**

### **FERC Approves ISO-NE Prompt Market**

FERC [approved](#) ISO-NE’s tariff revisions to replace its Forward Capacity Market with a prompt capacity market in which an Annual Capacity Auction would be held approximately one month before the relevant capacity commitment period. ISO-NE’s tariff changes are effective March 31, 2026, and the new rules will take effect for the 2028/2029 capacity commitment period.