



MICROGRID INCENTIVE PROGRAM TOPIC FRAMING DOCUMENT

Workshop #1 Laying the Foundation

Background

On January 21, 2021, the California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC” or “Commission”) adopted a Decision in Track 2 of the Microgrids and Resiliency Proceeding¹ which approves, among other proposals, the development and implementation of a new Microgrid Incentive Program (“MIP”). The Decision also ordered Pacific Gas and Electric Co., San Diego Gas and Electric Co., and Southern California Edison Co. (the “Joint IOUs”) to convene stakeholder working groups and meetings to solicit a range of positions on the program elements in order to form a full program implementation plan for the MIP.

This first workshop will lay the foundation for the series of workshops ahead, by highlighting the objectives, goals, and development principles for the program as put forth by the CPUC and the statutory guidance preceding it. After presentation of these topics, participants will be invited to share their perspectives on the community benefit aspects of the program.

A. MIP Objectives and Goals – [IOUs presenting]

The CPUC Staff set forward objectives and goals for the MIP program which will be presented and discussed.²

B. MIP Principles – [IOUs presenting]

The Decision, and the statutory guidance preceding it, provide some foundational principles for MIP development which will be presented and discussed. A transparent set of program development principles will help guide future workshop discussions and make them more efficient, as well as provide essential guidance on decisions related to MIP program design.

C. Community Benefit

Participants will be asked to provide input on the following key questions:

- What public good requirements should be placed upon projects?
- What data regarding project costs, performance, etc. should be required to be made available to the CPUC, the Joint IOUs or the general public?

¹ Rulemaking 19-09-009, Decision D.21-01-018.
<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M361/K442/361442167.PDF>
² See Staff Proposal 4 attached to ALJ Ruling Requesting Comment on the Track 2 Microgrid and Resiliency Strategies Staff Proposal <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M361/K442/361442167.PDF>, pages 18-20.



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Finally, the Energy Division of the CPUC provided the following boundaries around IOU-stakeholder program design collaboration in the Track 2 Decision:³

With this directive, we must place guardrails around IOU-stakeholder program design collaboration to facilitate timely and quality program development. Simply put: the IOU engagement with stakeholders is not an opportunity to relitigate settled issues or disrupt program development. The objective for this engagement is for the IOU to: solicit voluntary suggestions from interested stakeholders regarding their perspectives that must rationally and legitimately relate to and advance the broader public interest, further the objectives of this decision, as well as inform the general implementation details that may, ultimately aid the full program implementation plan. While consensus in these forums would be ideal, consensus is not required. To repeat, this is not a forum to relitigate settled issues, rehash prior positions that were not adopted, or be framed to serve a narrow set of interests that do not ultimately serve the public interest. We direct the IOUs to coordinate with Energy Division when establishing these stakeholder forums. With this focus, such forums between the IOUs and parties may aid the successful development of comprehensive and coherent design implementation. We encourage parties to stay active and collaborative for positive, future outcomes.

³ D.21-01-018, p.68.