

Electric Safety Enforcement Activities and Issues

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Core Work of Electric Safety and Reliability Branch

- Records audits and facilities/plant inspections
- Investigations of incidents
- Enforcement for violations of GOs and other requirements
 - Notices of Violation and Corrective Action Plans
 - Citations
 - Adjudicatory CPUC Investigation proceedings
- Participation in other CPUC proceedings





Photos: Belmont Heights Neighborhood Group and Hofmann, Elkhorn Slough Foundation



Examples of Relevant PU Code Sections

- Sections 315, 362, 451, 701, and other statutes regarding safety of public utilities
- Sections 8001 et seq.: Electrical lines and related facilities, including facilities of "any county, city, city and county, or other political subdivision thereof..."
- Section 761.3: Facilities for the generation of electricity
- Section 767: Joint use of utility poles, ducts, conduits, and right of way
- Section 768.5: Plant and equipment owned by cable companies





Safety-Related General Orders

GO 95: Overhead electric & communications facilities

GO 128: Underground electric & communications systems

GO 165: Inspection of electric transmission & distribution

GO 166: Emergency preparedness for electric utilities

GO 167: Electric generating facilities

GO 174: Electric substations

GO 176: High speed rail electrification





Electric and Communications Facilities Subject to CPUC Safety Regulation

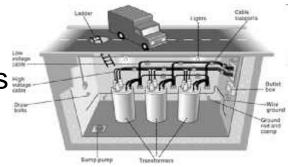
Transmission and distribution lines:

over 200,000 miles of above-ground lines

4 million poles

77,000 miles of underground lines

Electric substations: over 2,200









Electric Generating Asset Owners Subject to General Order 167

	1 - 49 MW		50 MW or larger	
Plant type*	Number of	Total	Number of	Total
	Plants	Capacity	Plants	Capacity
Thermal Fossil Fuel	35	1,293	52	31,090
Hydroelectric	65	616	32	4,496
Geothermal	1	35	10	715
Wind	8	162	17	2,229
SolarThermal and PV	0	0	12	3,229
Totals	109	2,106	123	41,759

^{*}Limited requirements apply to other generators, including nuclear.





Distribution, Transmission, and Substation Records Audits and Facility Inspections





29 audits/inspections held or planned for 2015 Entities this year include:

PG&E Trinity Public Utilities District

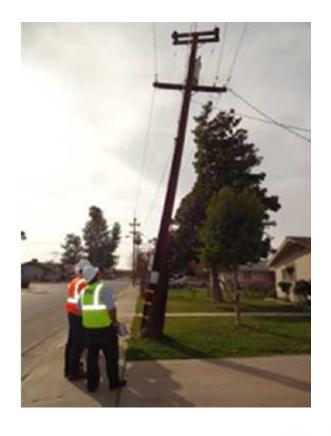
SCE Imperial Irrigation District

SDG&E Donner Public Utility District

PacifiCorp Palo Alto Utilities

LADWP Silicon Valley Power

Cities of Gridley, Biggs, Lompoc, Colton, Pasadena, and Anaheim







Communication Infrastructure Provider (CIP) Records Audits and Facilities Inspections

10 CIP audits/inspections held or planned for 2015

Entities this year include:

Comcast San Simeon Cable

Charter Crown Castle

Verizon Cox

AT&T





Generating Asset Owner General Order 167 Audits/Inspections







4 audits/inspections held or planned for 2015:

Gateway Generating Station (PG&E)

Redondo Beach Generating Station (AES Southland)

Inland Empire Energy Center (General Electric)

Los Esteros Critical Energy Center (Calpine)





Generating Asset Owner Outage Inspections

2014 inspections:

Planned outages 144

• Forced outages 197

Number of plants









Investigation of Electric Safety Incidents

- 182 electric facility incidents reported in 2014
- 2 generation incidents reported in 2014

Recent incidents in the news:



Photo: NBC Bay Area News, Twitter post



Photo: Daily Breeze, Steve McCrank



Photo: SF Chronicle, Connor Radnovich

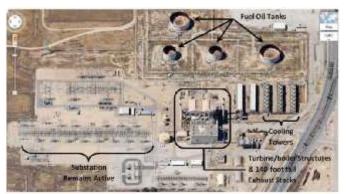


Enforcement Activities

- Notices of Violation, Corrective Action Plans, follow-up
- Citations
 - Electric citation authority as of 1-1-2015
 - Two citations issued to date
- Commission Investigations

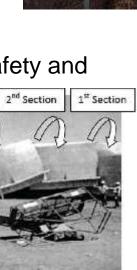
Recent Kern OII and settlement on PG&E contractor safety and

cause analysis procedures





Wall collapsed, struck,







ESRB Participation in CPUC Proceedings (2014-2015)

- Physical security rulemaking
- Citation proceeding
- Applicability of right-of-way rules to CMRS
- Fire safety proceeding
- Storage proceeding
- GO 95 rule change proceeding
- Electrification system for high speed rail

