

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SAFETY DIVISION  
UTILITIES SAFETY BRANCH

RESOLUTION SU-9  
Date October 23, 1991

R E S O L U T I O N

ORDER ISSUING CPUC SEISMIC SAFETY REPORT TO THE SEISMIC SAFETY COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUCTION ACT

SUMMARY

1. The Seismic Safety Commission (SSC) is responsible for reporting the progress of California's earthquake hazards reduction program. The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) is designated as the lead agency for monitoring the seismic safety of natural gas, electric, telecommunication and water utility systems under its jurisdiction. The staff of the Safety Division's Utilities Safety Branch (USB) is acting on behalf of the Commission to investigate and recommend specific improvements concerning each utility's seismic safety program in order to meet the objectives set forth by the SSC. As a result the USB has written a seismic safety report which incorporates the utilities' comments and seeks approval to issue this report to the SSC and other interested parties.

BACKGROUND

1. The California Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act, Government Code Title 2, Division 1 requires the Seismic Safety Commission to submit an annual progress report on the State of California's earthquake hazards reduction program and monitor the progress of the many facets that make up this program. The USB has evaluated each of the utilities' seismic safety reports and drafted an initial seismic safety report. This report was circulated to the utilities and the Commission for comments. The USB has incorporated most of the comments in its final report and seeks Commission approval to issue this report to the SSC and any interested parties.

FINDINGS

1. The Commission has determined that the Commission's USB is responsible for administrating the functions of the lead agency in meeting the SSC's objectives.

2. The utilities will cooperate by providing the necessary seismic safety reports and information upon request.

3. The "Report On Seismic Safety Considerations of Various Investor-Owned Utilities In California" should be approved and be issued to the SSC and any interested parties.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The utilities will provide seismic safety reports, as required, detailing their seismic safety program, their accomplishments, their plans for the coming years and the cost to implement these plans in order to meet the objectives set forth by the Seismic Safety Commission.

2. The "Report On Seismic Safety Considerations of Various Investor-Owned Utilities In California" is approved and will be issued to the SSC and any interested parties.

3. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on October 23, 1991. The following Commissioners approved it:

  
Executive Director

PATRICIA M. ECKERT  
President  
JOHN B. OHANIAN  
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