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Subject: heads up on scheduling for Storage Proceeding R10-12-007

Hello,

As you are all aware, the Proposed Decision closing Phase 1 of the storage proceeding is currently set for Commission consideration during the Aug. 2 business meeting.

We are currently reviewing opening comments on the PD, and thankfully (so far) do not see major issues that might delay CPUC consideration.

Although we must await final decision before scheduling events for Phase 2, I want you to know what is currently being planned so you can set aside time on your calendars.

If a decision is issued Aug 2, the ALJ will immediately issue a ruling to set a Phase 2 PHC for September 4. She will also direct Staff to hold a workshop on August 20 (Monday) to introduce the Priority Use Cases, have discussion of scoping and schedules for Phase 2 – including more detailed workshops on the Use Cases and cost-effectiveness methodologies, probably in October.

We will also query Parties as to whether evidentiary hearings will be necessary in Phase 2, for instance, regarding procurement targets or other policy options, or whether this can all be handled via workshops and paper filings.

If Parties can reach general agreement on the Use Case methodology and scope matters, we would bring a proposal to the PHC for approval. If hearings were to be scheduled, they would likely be in March/April 2013, and would serve to terminate Phase 2, so a final decision can be reached before the October 1, 2013, deadline.

We have had to deal with many conflicting proceedings and tight schedules, and we appreciate the fact that Parties have other critical events to juggle – most especially the LTPP hearings, and workshops in RA and other cases. We purposefully scheduled the workshop for after the LTPP hearings, but also face the Labor Day constraint. For people who cannot attend in person, we plan to have the workshop on Webex for remote participation.

A caution is necessary: If the CPUC does not act on the PD on Aug. 2, it will push the calendar out, and the next opening in the ALJ's calendar for a Phase 2 PHC would be October 1, 2012.

That would cause rescheduling for the workshop as well, with domino impacts.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me,

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