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The California Public Utilities Commission's Policy and Planning Division has issued a paper titled, *Microgrids: A Regulatory Perspective*. The paper is available at: http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/NR/rdonlyres/01ECA296-5E7F-4C23-8570-1EFF2DC0F278/0/PPDMicrogridPaper414.pdf.

Paper synopsis

Utilities, and their regulators, are entrusted to provide electricity that is reliable and safe, but the historical method by which that is achieved is beginning to change. Added to the imperative to provide safe and reliable electricity comes the need to be more resilient and secure in the delivery of electricity. This all needs to be done at a reasonable cost, but who will be left to pay? Microgrids are coming; how utilities and regulators respond will go a long way to help determine how innovation and services will impact the electric grid.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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