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#### REGULAR COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETINGS

May 21, 1998	10 am	San Francisco	
June 4, 1998	10 am	San Francisco	
June 18, 1998	10 am	San Francisco	

<sup>\*\*</sup>Will be held at the State Board of Equalization, 450 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

# COMMISSION RATESETTING DELIBERATIVE MEETINGS (Not Open to the Public)

• Ratesetting Deliberative Meeting dates are reserved as noted but will only be held if there are ratesetting matters to be considered.

June 1, 1998	1:30 pm	San Francisco
June 15, 1998	1:30 pm	San Francisco
June 29, 1998	1:30 pm	San Francisco

#### **NOTICES**

# Delivery of Formal Pleadings for Filing

Unless otherwise directed, all *courier-delivered documents* submitted for filing as part of the formal record in a proceeding should be *hand-carried directly* to the Commission's Docket Office, Room 2001, 505 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco; Room 5109, 107 South Broadway in Los Angeles; or Room 4006, 1350 Front Street in San Diego. All *documents sent through the mail* for formal filing should be addressed *ONLY* to the Commission's Docket Office, Room 2001, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102.

The Payphone Service Provider's Enforcement Committee has proposed a Charter for approval by the CPUC. A protest must be made in writing and received within 20 days from the date of this calendar item. Protest must be delivered to Director, Telecommunications Division, 505 Van Ness Ave., Room 3203, San Francisco, CA, 94102.

#### Charge for Commission Documents

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#### **GLOSSARY**

After January 1, 1998, the California Public Utilities Commission is required by statute (SB 960) to categorize each case that comes before it. There are three categories, quasilegislative, adjudicatory and ratesetting. If a case does not require hearings before it is resolved, the case is removed from the SB 960 category requirements. The legend below shows the abbreviation for each of the categories and provides a brief explanation.

- Q **Quasi-legislative** proceedings are proceedings that establish policy or rules (including generic ratemaking policy or rules) affecting a class of regulated entities, including those proceedings in which the Commission investigates rates or practices for an entire regulated industry or class of entities within the industry.
- A **Adjudicatory** proceedings are: (1) enforcement investigations into possible violations of any provision of statutory law or order or rule of the Commission; and (2) complaints against regulated entities, including those complaints that challenge the accuracy of a bill, but excluding those complaints that challenge the reasonableness of rates or charges, past, present, or future.
- RS Ratesetting proceedings are proceedings in which the Commission sets or investigates rates for a specifically named utility (or utilities), or establishes a mechanism that in turn sets the rates for a specifically named utility (or utilities). Ratesetting proceedings include complaints that challenge the reasonableness of rates or charges, past, present, or future.
- N/A Removed from the SB 960 category requirements.

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#### Subscription Notice for Draft Agenda Items

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In addition, the Commission will make draft agenda items available for viewing and photocopying (at 20 cents per page) at the Commission's Central Files Office (Room 2002), 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, and in the Los Angeles, San Diego, and the following field offices: El Centro, Eureka, Sacramento and San Bernardino. Since the agenda package will be mailed to these locations, it will be available at these locations a day or two after the distribution date. These locations will not receive agenda items that are not ready on the distribution date.

If an agenda item is held over to a subsequent Commission meeting, that agenda item and any revisions to that agenda item that were available on the morning of the initial Commission meeting (as well as any further available revisions) will be mailed in the Escutia package for the subsequent Commission meeting; the item and its revisions will also be available for viewing and photocopying in the Commission's Central Files Office and field offices as set forth above.

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#### **COMMISSIONER OFFICE HOURS**

(For further information or to make an appointment, please contact, Michelle Diamonon at (707) 445-7875 for Eureka and Chico locations, and Sandra Graham at (213) 897-3544 for other locations).

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Location</u>
6/12/98, 9 am - 12 pm	Josiah Neeper	State Office Building 1350 Front Street, Room 4006 <b>San Diego</b>

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

## Workshop Notice

Customer Information Committee:	Pacific Gas & Electric
May 19, 1998	77 Beale Street, Room 301B
1:30 pm.	San Francisco
Meter Reading Committee:	Pacific Gas & Electric
May 20, 1998	77 Beale Street, Room 301B
10 am.	San Francisco
After Metering Services Committee:	Pacific Gas & Electric
May 20, 1998	77 Beale Street, Room 301B
1 pm.	San Francisco

As directed in the Assigned Commissioners' Ruling on Market Conditions Report and Other Matters, Rulemaking 98-01-011, issued on April 23, 1998, the first general meeting of the Revenue Cycle Services Working Group was held on May 11, 1998, in San Francisco. During this meeting, five subcommittees were formed to address safety concerns related to the unbundling of meters, meter reading and servicing, and services beyond the meter. The five subcommittees will convene their first meetings as indicated by this notice. The workshops are open to the public and the facilities are wheelchair accessible. For further information or to suggest agenda topics, contact Raffy Stepanian at (213) 897-3334 or e-mail rst@cpuc.ca.gov, or Sunil K. Shori at (415) 703-2407 or e-mail sks@cpuc.ca.gov.

#### Workshop Notice

May 18 through May 21, 1998	Pacific Bell
9 am - 5 pm	370 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street
	Parnassus Room
	San Francisco

Pursuant to Rulemaking 97-10-016 and Investigation 97-10-017, Ordering Paragraph 6, the Telecommunications Division will direct the third and final portion of a workshop to develop Operations Support Systems performance measurements. The workshop may end before May 21 if the workshop discussion is deemed by Telecommunications Division to be complete prior to that date. For more information contact Telecommunications Division Staff member Robert Benjamin at (415) 703-1069.

May 19, 1998	Scripps Cottage, Aztec Center
9 am -5 pm	San Diego State University
Continuation Meeting	5500 Campanile Drive
Electric Education Trust	San Diego

Administrative Committee	
Program Design Subcommittee	
Outreach Subcommittee	
Administrative Subcommittee	

The Administrative Committee of the Electric Education Trust (EET) meets to consider work-plan implementation options following the February 4 SPB ruling and the draft decision of ALJ Wong, to discuss the points in the April 9 letter to Commissioners Knight and Neeper, to receive standing reports, to define specific tasks for the committee members, subcommittee members, and the EET staff, and to elect officers and appoint staff. Following the Administrative Committee meeting, the above-noted subcommittees will meet to discuss their assignments and plan strategies. This is a continuation of the May 18 meeting. The contact person is William Schulte at (415) 703-2349.

### **Public Meeting**

May19, 1998	California Public Utilities Commission
10 am - 3 pm	505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4206
	San Francisco

The TDD Placement Interim Committee will conduct a monthly meeting. For more information, please contact Adam Thaler at (415) 703-1157.

## **Public Meeting**

May 19, 1998	Pacific Gas and Electric Company Energy Center
10 am - 4 pm	851 Howard Street (1 block west of the Moscone
	Center)
Designated Conference Leader:	San Francisco
Louise Perez/PG&E	
	To join via teleconference:
Reservation No. 4074787	Dial: (212) 748-2858
	Passcode: 3823526#

As provided for in Public Utilities Commission D.97-09-117, one or more LIGB Advisory Committee members may be participating in this meeting via teleconference. Members of the public may participate in the meeting by calling **the above number** on the day of the meeting. If you experience difficulty in trying to access this conference call, please contact Confertech at 1-800-252-5150.

The Low Income Governing Board Advisory Committee (LIGBAC) will meet on the following agenda: Welcome and Introduction Chairperson's report, review meeting minutes, public comments, substitutiative program designs, and other business. These meetings are open to the public. You can get the materials for this meeting by phoning the LIGBAC at 415 703-2565 and leaving a message with your name, phone and fax number at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting time.

May 20, 1998	California Public Utilities Commission
1:30 pm	505 Van Ness Avenue,
	Training Room
	San Francisco

LOTTERY FOR TELEPHONE NUMBER PREFIX ASSIGNMENTS IN THE 209, 213/323, 310, 408/831, 415, 510/925, 619, 714/949, 805, 818/626, 909, AND 916/530 NUMBERING PLAN AREAS

The Telecommunications Division of the California Public Utilities Commission will be conducting a lottery to determine allocations of central office codes (NXXs) in the 209, 213/323, 310, 408, 415, 510/925, 619, 714/949, 805, 818/626, 909, and 916/530 area codes pursuant to the provisions of D.96-09-087. Applications should be submitted to the California Code Administrator prior to the close of business on MAY 12, 1998. For information on the lottery process, call (415) 703- 1879. If specialized accommodations for the disabled are needed, call the Public Advisor at (415) 703-2032 five working days in advance of the event.

## **Public Meeting**

May 22, 1998	Pacific Gas and Electric Company Energy Center
9:30 am - 4 pm	851 Howard Street
	(1 blk west of Moscone Center)
	San Francisco

The California Board for Energy Efficiency will meet to discuss the status of administrative and technical services to CBEE; the Interim Opinion: Policy Rules and Request for Proposals for Energy Efficiency Program Administrators (D. 98-04-063); the Interim Opinion: Extension of Interim Administrators for Energy Efficiency and Low Income Programs in R.94-04-031/I.94-04-032; the status of Assembly Bill 2461 and related legislation; utility status reports on 1998 energy efficiency programs; and updates on and the status of the RFP for independent administration and associated Commission decisions, CBEE work plans and schedules, issues related to utility assets and liabilities, verification and other reporting requirements, and the Technical Advisory Committee and Board operational matters. The contact person is Sara Myers, (415) 387-1904. For further details about CBEE and this meeting consult the CBEE Web Page at www.cbee.org.

If necessary, immediately following the conclusion of the public meeting, the CBEE will hold an Executive Session (closed session) to discuss pending litigation regarding letters of agreement for outside consulting services, including the SPB's letter ruling of February 4, 1998, and the related case -- California State Employees Association et al. v. California State Personnel Board et al., Case No. 978CS03024 (Sacramento County Superior Court). The closed session is conducted pursuant to Government Code Sections 11126(e)(1), 11126(e)(2)(B)(i),

10 am - 4 pm	851 Howard Street (1 block west of the Moscone
	Center)
Designated Conference Leader:	San Francisco
Louise Perez/PG&E	
	To join via teleconference:
Reservation No. 4074787	Dial: (212) 748-2858
	Passcode: 3823526#

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# Public Meeting RESCHEDULED MEETING - ORIGINALLY SET FOR 5/13/98

May 27, 1998	California Public Utilities Commission
9:30 am - 3 pm	505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 3204
	(Corner of Van Ness Avenue and McAllister Street)
	San Francisco

The ULTS Marketing Board (ULTSMB) will hold its regular meeting to: Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes, Review/Approval of Administrative Report and Expenses, Review/Approval of Market Study RFP, Review/Approval of Bidders Conference Sub-Committee and Meeting Items, PUC Report and take follow-up actions to Commissioner Knight's meeting, Anti-Smoking Marketing Campaign Update, Set future Agenda items for Discussion and hear Public comments.

If you would like to join the meeting by phone conference or in person, and/or receive a copy of the full agenda and meeting materials, please notify the ULTS Trust Office at (510) 452-2757.

#### Public Meeting: CARE and LIEE Committees of the Low Income Governing Board

May 27, 1998	Pacific Gas and Electric Company Energy Center
10 am – 1:30pm	851 Howard Street (1 block west of the Moscone Center)
	San Francisco

To join via teleconference for the CARE Committee
Dial (415) 904-8843
Pass Code 2368254#
Reservation Number 4103965

To join via teleconference for the LIEE Committee Dial (415) 904-8834 Pass Code 5844919# Reservation Number 4103851

As provided for in Public Utilities Commission D.97-09-117, one or more LIGB members may be participating in this meeting via teleconference. Members of the public may participate in the meeting by calling **the above number** on the day of the meeting. Parties experiencing difficulty may contact Confertech at (800) 252-5150 and provide the applicable reservation number listed above. Katherine McKenney is the conference leader for the CARE Committee call and Henry Knawls is the conference leader for the LIEE call. The CARE Committee and the LIEE Committee of the Low Income Governing Board will each meet on the following agenda: address policy/program revisions for 1999 low income programs, including determining policy areas to investigate, outline workplan, designate tasks, identify needed information, identify sources of information, take public comment and plan communication strategy with Advisory Committee. In addition, the LIEE Committee will consider a petition filed by the ICA.

# Public Meeting: The Low Income Governing Board (LIGB)

May 27, 1998	Pacific Gas and Electric Company Energy Center
1:30 pm – 4 pm	851 Howard Street (1 block west of the Moscone
	Center)
	San Francisco
	To join via teleconference
	<b>Dial</b> (212) 293-3133
	Pass Code 3146936#
	Reservation Number 417954

As provided for in Public Utilities Commission D.97-09-117, one or more LIGB members may be participating in this meeting via teleconference. Members of the public may participate in the meeting by calling **the above number** on the day of the meeting. Parties experiencing difficulty may contact Confertech at (800) 252-5150 and provide the applicable reservation number listed above. Henry Knawls is the conference leader for the call

The LIGB will meet on the following agenda: Chairperson's report, receive public comments, review meeting minutes, address RHA proposal on R&D funding, discuss legal and contract issues, address budget planning/ financial status, receive report on Advisory

Committee activities, receive report and recommendations from CARE and LIEE committees, discuss process for forwarding recommendations to Commission, develop agenda for next Board meeting, and schedule future meetings. This meeting is open to the public; materials may be requested at least 24 hours in advance by calling 415-703-2565 and leaving a fax number.

If necessary, immediately following the conclusion of the public meeting, the LIGB will hold an Executive Session (closed session) to discuss pending litigation regarding letters of agreement for outside consulting services, including the SPB's letter ruling of February 4, 1998, and the related case -- California State Employees Association et al. v. California State Personnel Board et al., Case No. 978CS03024 (Sacramento County Superior Court). The closed session is conducted pursuant to Government Code Sections 11126(e)(1), 11126(e)(2)(B)(i), and 11126(f)(6).

# Public Meeting

May 28, 1998	California Public Utilities Commission
9:30 am - 2:30 pm	505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4206
	San Francisco

The Payphone Service Providers Enforcment Committee will conduct a monthly meeting. For more information, please contact Adam Thaler at (415) 703-1157.

#### CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

# Workshop to Address ULTS Program Changes and General Order 153 Revisions

#### **AGENDA**

## MAY 28, 1998

# Morning

9:30 - 12:00

# A. Opening Matters

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Purpose of the Workshop
- 3. Overview of Workshop Structure and Agenda

#### B. ULTS Program Changes Implemented To Date

Discussion of issues in Section A of *Telecommunication Division's (TD)*Summary of Issues for ULTS OIR and General Order 153 Revisions

Lunch

12:00 - 1:15

Afternoon

1:15 - 4:30

# C. Additional ULTS Program Changes

Discussion of issues in Section B of *TD's Summary of Issues* for *ULTS OIR and General Order 153 Revisions* 

# MAY 29, 1998

Morning

9:30 - 12:00

# D. General Order (GO) 153 Revisions

Discussion of TD's Proposed Draft of Revised GO 153

Lunch

12:00 - 1:15

Afternoon

1:15 - 4:30

- D. General Order (GO) 153 Revisions (Cont.)
- E. Revised ULTS Monthly Report/Claims Form

Discussion of TD's proposed ULTS Monthly Report and Claims Statement

### Workshop Notice

May 28 and 29, 1998	California Public Utilities Commission
9:30 am - 4:30 pm	505 Van Ness Avenue
	Training Room
	San Francisco

The Telecommunications Division will conduct a workshop to identify the scope of issues to be included in an order instituting rulemaking regarding the Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) program changes and General Order 153 revisions, as per Resolution T-16128. Workshop-related documents which have been mailed to all telecommunications carriers, and parties in the service list of the Universal Service Proceeding (R.95-01-020/.95/01-021) and OII 83-11-05 on May 4, 1998, are available for downloading in the CPUC web site (www.cpuc.ca.gov). Interested parties may comment on these documents and on any other issues which they believe should be included in the OIR process and the revised GO 153, to the Director of the Telecommunications Division and to the service lists of the Universal Service Proceeding and OII 83-11-05, on or before May 15, 1998. The agenda for the workshop will be posted in the Commission's web site by May 18, 1998. Please contact the following Telecommunications Division staff if you have any further questions: Joseph Abhulimen at (415) 703-1458, fax (415) 703-4405, e-mail jaa@cpuc.ca.gov or Zenaida Conway at (415) 703-2005, e-mail ztc@cpuc.ca.gov. The Commission's policy is to hold workshops in locations that are accessible to people with disabilities. If specialized accommodations are needed, please call the Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074 or TDD # (415) 703-2032 no later than

#### Public Meeting PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES!

May 28, 1998	Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program
10 am - <b>3 pm</b>	1939 Harrison Street
_	DDTP Conference Room, Suite 555
	Oakland

The <u>FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE</u> of the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program will hold a meeting. For more information about the meeting, or if you plan to attend the meeting and need sign language interpretation or real-time captioning, contact Elana Kalisher at (510) 874-1410 VOICE or (510) 874-1411 TTY. <u>Environmental Reminder</u>: Please refrain from wearing perfumes or scents to DDTP meetings, because people with environmental illness or multiple chemical sensitivity must reduce their exposure in order to attend.

May 28, 1998	Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program
3 pm - 5 pm	1939 Harrison Street
	DDTP Conference Room, Suite 555
	Oakland

The <u>NATURAL DISASTERS SUB-COMMITTEE</u> of the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program will hold a meeting. For more information about the meeting, or if you plan to attend the meeting and need sign language interpretation or real-time captioning, contact Elana Kalisher at (510) 874-1410 VOICE or (510) 874-1411 TTY. <u>Environmental Reminder</u>: Please refrain from wearing perfumes or scents to DDTP meetings, because people with environmental illness or multiple chemical sensitivity must reduce their exposure in order to attend.

### Public Meeting PLEASE NOTE: NEW DATE!

May 29, 1998	Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program
10 am - 4 pm	1939 Harrison Street
	DDTP Conference Room, Suite 555
	Oakland

The California Relay Service Advisory Committee (CRSAC) of the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program will hold its regular monthly meeting. For more information about the meeting, or if you plan to attend the meeting and need sign language interpretation or real-time captioning, contact Elana Kalisher at (510) 874-1410 VOICE or (510) 874-1411 TTY. Environmental Reminder: Please refrain from wearing perfumes or scents to DDTP meetings, because people with environmental illness or multiple chemical sensitivity must reduce their exposure in order to attend.

## **Public Meeting**

June 2, 1998	Pacific Gas and Electric Company Energy Center
9:30 am - 4 pm	851 Howard Street
	(1 blk west of Moscone Center)
	San Francisco

The California Board for Energy Efficiency will meet to discuss the status of administrative, legal and technical services to CBEE and CBEE comments as required; the status of legislation impacting energy efficiency issues and CBEE comments if necessary; the status of the RFP for independent administration and associated Commission decisions; issues related to utility assets and liabilities and verification and other reporting requirements; the Technical Advisory Committee and CBEE operational matters; a review of 1998 energy efficiency programs including research RFPs; and planning for 1999 energy efficiency programs and research necessary to aid that planning process.

The contact person is Sara Myers, (415) 387-1904. For further details about CBEE and this meeting consult the CBEE Web Page at www.cbee.org.

June 2, 1998	Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program
10 am - 4 pm	1939 Harrison Street
	DDTP Conference Room, Suite 555
	Oakland

The <u>Administrative Committee</u> of the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program will hold its regular monthly meeting. For more information about the meeting, or if you plan to attend the meeting and need sign language interpretation or real-time captioning, contact Elana Kalisher at (510) 874-1410 VOICE or (510) 874-1411 TTY. <u>Environmental Reminder</u>: Please refrain from wearing perfumes or scents to DDTP meetings, because people with environmental illness or multiple chemical sensitivity must reduce their exposure in order to attend.

### **Public Meeting**

June 2, 1998	Pacific Gas and Electric Company Energy Center
10 am - 4 pm	851 Howard Street (1 block west of the Moscone
	Center)
Designated Conference Leader:	San Francisco
Dennis Guido/PG&E	To join via teleconference:
	Dial: (212) 293-3180
Reservation No. 4074787	Passcode: 3823526#

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# Public Meeting

June 10, 1998	Pacific Gas and Electric Company Energy Center
9:30 am - 4 pm	851 Howard Street
	(1 blk west of Moscone Center)
	San Francisco

The California Board for Energy Efficiency will meet to discuss the status of administrative, legal and technical services to CBEE and CBEE comments as required; the status of legislation impacting energy efficiency issues and CBEE comments if necessary; the status of the RFP for independent administration and associated Commission decisions; issues related to utility assets and liabilities and verification and other reporting requirements; the Technical Advisory Committee and CBEE operational matters; a review of 1998 energy efficiency programs including research RFPs; and planning for 1999 energy efficiency programs and research necessary to aid that planning process.

The contact person is Sara Myers, (415) 387-1904. For further details about CBEE and this meeting consult the CBEE Web Page at www.cbee.org.

### **Public Meeting**

June 11, 1998	Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program
9:30 am - 3:30 pm	1939 Harrison Street
	DDTP Conference Room, Suite 555
	Oakland

The Equipment Program Advisory Committee of the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program will hold its regular monthly meeting. For more information about the meeting, or if you plan to attend the meeting and need sign language interpretation or real-time captioning, contact Elana Kalisher at (510) 874-1410 VOICE or (510) 874-1411 TTY. Environmental Reminder: Please refrain from wearing perfumes or scents to DDTP meetings, because people with environmental illness or multiple chemical sensitivity must reduce their exposure in order to attend.

#### **Public Meeting**

June 16, 1998	Pacific Gas and Electric Company Energy Center
10 am - 4 pm	851 Howard Street (1 block west of the Moscone
	Center)
Designated Conference Leader:	San Francisco
Dennis Guido/PG&E	To join via teleconference:
	Dial: (212) 293-3180
Reservation No. 4074787	Passcode: 3823526#

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June 24, 1998	Pacific Gas and Electric Company Energy Center
9:30 am - 4 pm	851 Howard Street
	(1 blk west of Moscone Center)
	San Francisco

The California Board for Energy Efficiency will meet to discuss the status of administrative, legal and technical services to CBEE and CBEE comments as required; the status of legislation impacting energy efficiency issues and CBEE comments if necessary; the status of the RFP for independent administration and associated Commission decisions; issues related to utility assets and liabilities and verification and other reporting requirements; the Technical Advisory Committee and CBEE operational matters; a review of 1998 energy efficiency programs including research RFPs; and planning for 1999 energy efficiency programs and research necessary to aid that planning process.

The contact person is Sara Myers, (415) 387-1904. For further details about CBEE and this meeting consult the CBEE Web Page at www.cbee.org.

# **Public Meeting**

June 26, 1998	Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program
10 am - 4 pm	1939 Harrison Street
	DDTP Conference Room, Suite 555
	Oakland

The <u>California Relay Service Advisory Committee</u> (CRSAC) of the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program will hold its regular monthly meeting. For more information about the meeting, or if you plan to attend the meeting and need sign language interpretation or real-time captioning, contact Elana Kalisher at (510) 874-1410 VOICE or (510) 874-1411 TTY. <u>Environmental Reminder</u>: Please refrain from wearing perfumes or scents to DDTP meetings, because people with environmental illness or multiple chemical sensitivity must reduce their exposure in order to attend.

#### **Public Meeting**

June 30, 1998	Pacific Gas and Electric Company Energy Center
10 am - 4 pm	851 Howard Street (1 block west of the Moscone
	Center)
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Dennis Guido/PG&E	To join via teleconference:
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415 703-2565 and leaving a message with your name, phone and fax number at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting time.

#### **NEW FILINGS**

5/11/98 A98-04-035

Amendment - Mystic Alliance Group, Inc., for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide resold intraLATA and interLATA telecommunications services to the extent authorized in I87-11-033; Amends the address, telephone and facsimile numbers of Mystic Alliance Group, Inc.

#### PETITIONS FOR MODIFICATION AND APPLICATIONS FOR REHEARING

#### **NONE**

# DRAFT DECISIONS \* PROPOSED DECISIONS \* ALTERNATES \* ARBITRATOR'S REPORTS

5/18/98	A97-11-004	Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company To
		Identify Cost Savings for Revenue Cycle Services
		Provided by Other Entities and to Propose Credits for
		End-Use Customers in Such Circumstances for
		Implementation No Later Than January 1, 1999; and
	A97-11-011	Application of Southern California Edison Company To
		Identify Cost Savings for Revenue Cycle Services
		Provided by Other Entities and to Propose Credits for
		End-Use Customers in Such Circumstances for
		Implementation No Later Than January 1, 1999.
		Application of Southern California Edison Company To
		Identify Cost Savings for Revenue Cycle Services
		Provided by Other Entities and to Propose Credits for
		End-Use Customers in Such Circumstances for
		Implementation No Later Than January 1, 1999; and
	A97-12-012	Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company To
		Identify Cost Savings for Revenue Cycle Services
		Provided by Other Entities and to Propose Credits for
		End-Use Customers in Such Circumstances for
		Implementation No Later Than January 1, 1999.
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Proposed Decision of ALJ Malcolm
Implementation No Later Than January 1, 1999;
End-Use Customers in Such Circumstances for
Provided by Other Entities and to Propose Credits for
Identify Cost Savings for Revenue Cycle Services
Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company To

5/18/98 A97-03-002

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for authority to adjust its gas rates and tariffs to be effective January 1, 1998, pursuant to Decision Nos. 89-01-040, 90-09-089, 91-05-029, 93-12-58, 94-07-024, and 95-12-053; **Proposed Decision of ALJ Econome** 

#### ADVICE LETTER FILINGS

#### NONE

# MISCELLANEOUS TRANSPORTATION ITEMS May 19, 1998

Filings with Rail Safety and Carriers Division

#### **NONE**

# **ADJOURNMENTS \* RESETTINGS \* SUBMISSIONS** A97-11-004 Malcolm-Pacific Gas and Electric Company, et al., Evidentiary Hearing held and continued to9 am, A97-11-011 May 19, San Francisco A97-11-012 R93-04-003 McKenzie-Commission Order Instituting Rulemaking, to govern open access to bottleneck services, etc., I93-04-002 Evidentiary Hearing held and continued to 9:15 am, May 19, San Francisco I98-04-010 Malcolm-Commission Order Instituting Investigation, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Prehearing

# Conference held and completed

#### REMOVALS FROM CALENDAR

#### **NONE**

#### **NEW SETTINGS**

#### **NONE**

#### LAW AND MOTION

Law and Motion Hearings are held before Administrative Law Judge Steven Kotz at 9:30 am in one of the Commission's San Francisco Office Hearing Rooms, unless otherwise noted. Law and Motion procedures are governed by Resolution ALJ 164. Copies of Resolution ALJ 164 are available from the Commission's Documents Desk (415) 703-1713 or from Central Files (415) 703-2045

5./19/98	9:30 am	NONE SCHEDULED
5/26/98	9:30 am	NONE SCHEDULED
6/2/98	9:30 am	NONE SCHEDULED

#### **HEARINGS**

Dates in parentheses following the word "also" are subject to change without notice. the assigned Commissioner's name is listed next to the proceedings as matter of record; the assigned Commissioner may not be present at the hearing.

(OA) = Oral Argument
(WS) = Workshop
(FPH) = Full Panel Hearing
(AH) = Arbitration Hearing

5/19/98 ALJ Malcolm Comr Duque	9:00 am A97-11-004 A97-11-011	(EH)-Pacific Gas and Electric Company, to identify cost savings for revenue cycle services provided by other entities and to propose credits for end-use customers in such circumstances, and (EH)-Southern California Edison Company, to identify cost savings for revenue cycle services provided by other entities and to propose net avoided-cost credits for end-use customers in such circumstances for implementation on 1/1/99, and,	
	A97-11-012	(EH)-San Diego Gas & Electric Company, to identify cost savings for revenue cycle services provided by other entities and to propose credits for end-use customers in such circumstances for implementation no later than 1/1/99, Phase 2, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco; (also May 22, 26-29, and June 1-5, San Francisco (OA) for 10:00 am, June 16, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco)	
5/19/98 ALJ McKenzie Comr Duque	9:15 am R93-04-003 I93-04-002	(EH)-Commission Order Instituting Rulemaking on Commission's own motion to govern open access to bottleneck services and establish a framework for network architecture development of dominant carrier networks, and (EH)-Commission Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's own motion into open access and network architecture development of dominant carrier networks, and related matter,  Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also May 20-22, May 26-29, and June 1-5, San Francisco)	
5/26/98 ALJ Gottstein Comr Duque	10:00 am A97-12-043	(EH)-Southern California Edison Company, for an order approving termination agreement for termination of Interim Standard Offer No. 4 Power Purchase Agreement with Harbor Cogeneration Company,  Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also May 27-29, San Francisco (OA) July 14, San Francisco)	
5/27/98 ALJ Bennett Comr Neeper	10:00 am I98-02-025	(PHC)-Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's own motion into the operations, marketing and sales practices of GTE California's Foreign Language Assistance Center, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco	
5/27/98 ALJ Ryerson	9:00 a.m. A97-12-017	(PHC)-Los Alamitos Race Course, for an order authorizing pedestrian-bikeway crossings at grade at the	

Comr Conlon		track of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in the City of Cypress Council Chambers, 22 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana
5/27/98 ALJ Ryerson Comr Conlon	10:00 am C97-05-003	(PHC) Norman Phillips vs. Southern Pacific Transportation Company, for rehabilitation of nine crossings in Orange County, pursuant to GO 72-B, Council Chambers, 22 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana,
5/27/98 ALJ Ryerson Comr Bilas	2:00 pm A97-05-049	(PHC)-Airport Cruiser to transfer and Buslink Corp to acquire the passenger stage certificate and for finding of revocation of PSC-5877 error, City of Santa Ana, Council Chambers, 22 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana
5/27/98 ALJ Ryerson Comr Bilas	2:00 pm A97-11-006	(EH)-Preferred Transportation, Inc., dba SuperShuttle, for authority to extend its existing passenger stage certificate to include: scheduled service over the most direct routes from points in communities in Orange County, on the one hand, and Los Angeles International Airport and Orange County Airport, on the other hand (1430) South Anaheim Boulevard, Anaheim Council Chambers, 22 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana
5/28/98 ALJ Gottstein Comr Neeper	2:00 pm A98-05-001	(PHC)-Pacific Gas and Electric Company, for approval of demand-side management shareholder incentives for 1997 program year accomplishments, and second claim for incentives for 1996 program year accomplishments, and
	A98-05-005	(PHC)-San Diego Gas & Electric Company, to increase its gas and electric revenue requirements to reflect its accomplishments for demand-side management program years 1996 and 1997 in the 1998 annual earnings assessment proceeding, and
	A98-05-013	(PHC)-Southern California Edison, for approval of demand-side management shareholder incentives for 1997 program year accomplishments and the second installment of shareholder incentives for the 1996 program year, and
	A98-05-018	(PHC)-for authority to increase its gas revenue requirements to reflect its accomplishments for demand-side management program years 1994, 1995, and 1996, in the 1997 annual earnings assessment proceeding, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco

5/28/98 ALJ Bushey Comr Neeper	10:00 am I98-03-039	(PHC)-Commission Order Instituting Investigation into the operations, practices and conduct of America's Tele-Network Corp. (ATN), John W. Little, president of ATN, and Geri Clary, Controller of ATN, to determine whether the corporation or its principals have violated Rule 1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure or have violated the laws, rules and regulations governing the manner in which California consumers are switched from one long-distance carrier to another, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
5/29/98	9:30 am	(PHC)-Pacific Gas and Electric Company, for authority
ALJ Wetzell Comr Bilas	A97-12-020	to increase rates and charges for electric and gas service effective 1/1/99, and
	I97-11-026	(PHC)-Commission Order Instituting Investigation into the out-of-service status of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's El Dorado hydroelectric project and the need to reduce electric rates related to this non-functioning electric generating facility,  Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also (EH)  June 8-12, June 15-19, June 22-26, June 29-30, July 1-3, July 6-10 July 13-17, July 20-24, July 27-31, San Francisco; Rebuttal Hearings August 17-21, Update Hearings November 9-13 and November 16, San Francisco)
6/1/98 ALJ Ramsey Comr Bilas	10:00 am A97-07-008	(EH)-Landmark Communications, Inc., for certificate of public convenience and necessity to resell interLATA and intraLATA telecommunications services, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also June 2-5, San Francisco)
6/8/98 ALJ Stalder Comr Neeper	10:00 am R87-11-012	(PHC)-Commission Rulemaking to revise time schedule for rate case plan and fuel offset proceedings, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco

6/8/98 ALJ Bennett Comr Duque Comr Neeper	10:00 am A97-06-011	(EH)-CABAC, Inc., for authority to operate as an "on-call" passenger stage corporation pursuant to Section 1031 of the California Public Utilities Code between pints in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties and Los Angeles International, Burbank, Long Beach, and John Wayne an Ontario Airports, San Pedro Harbor, and the Los Angeles Amtrack Terminal, and for a zone of rate freedom for its tariff rates,  Commission Courtroom, Los Angeles (also June 9-12 and June 17-19, Los Angeles)
6/9/98 ALJ Malcolm Comr Knight	10:00 am A97-12-048	(EH)-Southern California Gas Company, for authority to unbundle core interstate pipeline transportation, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco also June 10 and 11, San Francisco)
6/9/98 ALJ Walker Comr Knight	10:00 am C98-02-020	(EH)-Irvine Apartment Communities, Inc., by and through its agent, CoxCom Inc., dba Cox Communications Orange County and Cox California Telcom, Inc. vs. Pacific Bell, for violation of tariff obligations and failure to comply with request to reconfigure existing wiring and to install a cross-connect facility,  Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also June 10-12, San Francisco)
6/12/98 ALJ Barnett	12:30 pm C98-03-055	(ECP)-Rodney W. Lucas and LaDonna M. Lucas vs. Southern California Gas Company, for refund of the overbilled amount of \$194.91, Commission Courtroom, Los Angeles
6/15/98 ALJ Ryerson Comr Bilas	10:00 am 197-06-036	(EH)-Commission Order Instituting Investigation, on the Commission's own motion, into the operations and practices of Elite Moving and Storage, Inc. and its chairman, John Small and its President, Chad Price, as individuals, respondents, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also June 16-17, San Francisco)
6/15/98 ALJ Weissman Comr Conlon	1:30 pm C96-08-028	(PHC)-Richard L. Steiner vs. Southern California Gas Company, and Palm Springs Mobilehome Properties, dba Sahara Mobilehome Park, for overcharges and rate discrimination, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
6/16/98	9:00 am	(EH)-Commission Order Instituting Investigation into the

ALJ Bushey Comr Neeper	I98-04-033	operations and practices of affiliated companies Future Net Inc. and Future Net Online, Inc. dba Future Electric Network and individuals Alan Setlin and Larry Huff, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
6/16/98 ALJ Walker Comr Duque	2:00 pm A98-03-029 A98-03-030 A98-03-031 A98-03-0 32 A98-03-033 A98-03-034	( <b>PHC</b> )-Southern California Water Company, for authority to increase rates by \$661,700 or 34/51% in 1999; by \$249,000 or 9.71% in 2000; and by \$258,800 or 9.19% in 2001 in the Desert District, and related matters, <b>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco</b>
6/17/98 ALJ Malcolm Comr Knight	11:00 am C94-12-042	(EH)-Credit Bureau Northern California vs. U.S. Sprint Communications Company, for failure to comply with the terms of Agreement; to refund service charges of over \$20,000 and sign up rebate of \$10,000, Council Chambers, City of Sonoma, 177 First Street, Sonoma
6/19/98 ALJ Ryerson Comr Neeper	10:00 am C97-10-059	Utility Resource Management Group on behalf of the Las Virgenes Unified School District vs. Southern California Edison Company, for overbilling due to erroneous classification as TOU-8 instead of I-6 Commission Courtroom, Los Angeles
6/25/98 ALJ Walker Comr Neeper	1:30 pm A96-03-007	(PHC)-Pacific Bell Communications, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide InterLATA and IntraLATA telecommunications services, Commissioin Courtroom, San Francisco

ALJ McVicar A97 Comr Duque	9:00 am A97-11-007	(EH)-Citizens Utilities Company of California, for a general rate increase of \$210,305 or 31.97% for the year 1998; \$34,846 or 4.0% for the year 1999; attrition revenue increase of 3.8% for the year 2000 in the Felton District, and
	A97-11-008	(EH)-Citizens Utilities Company of California, for a general rate increase of \$481,362 or 38.3% for the year 1998; no increase is being requested for 1999 and the attrition year 2000 in the Larkfield District and
	general rate increase of \$1,400,275 of 1998; \$1,274,163 or 7.4% for the year.	(( <b>EH</b> )-Citizens Utilities Company of California, for a general rate increase of \$1,400,275 o 9.0%\$ for the year 1998; \$1,274,163 or 7.4% for the year 1999; an attrition revenue increase of 6.9% for the year 2000 in the
		Commission Courtroom, San Frtancisco
7/6/98 ALJ Galvin Comr Neeper	10:00 am C97-12-041	(EH)-Reliable Payphone Company vs. Pacific Bell, for refusal to transfer payphone ANI's to New LEC; for fraudulent representations; for unlawful or improper termination of service; for improper late charges; for unlawful retaliation,  Room B-107, State Office Building, 1350 Front Street, San Diego (also July 7-8, San Diego)
7/22/98 ALJ Econome Comr Neeper	9:30 am A95-10-024	(PHC)-Pacific Gas and Electric Company, for authorization to implement a plan of reorganization which will result in a holding company structure, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco; (EH) for 10 am, July 27, San Francisco (also July 28-31; August 3-7 and 10-14) (Closing Argument before Assigned Commissioner for 9 am, October 15, San Francisco)
7/15/98 ALJ Pulsifer Comr Conlon	10:00 am R95-04-043 I95-04-044	(EH)-Rulemaking on the Commission's own motion into competition for local exchange service, and (EH)-Investigation on the Commission's own motion into competition for local exchange service, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also July 16-17, 20-24, San Francisco)

8/3/98 ALJ Galvin Comr Conlon	10:00 am A98-02-017	(PHC)-Pacific Bell, for authority to categorize business inside wire repair, interexchange carrier directory assistance, and limited call control service as Category III services,  Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also August 4-7, San Francisco)
8/3/98 ALJ Barnett Comr Knight	A95-05-049 A94-05-044 A93-05-044	(EH)-Southern California Edison Company, for authority to revise its energy cost adjustment bill factors, its electric revenue adjustment billing factorts, its low-income rate assistance, and its base rate levels effective 1/1/1996; to revise the incremental energy rate, the energy reliability index, and avoidable capacity cost pricing, etc., and related matters,  Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also August 4 and 5, San Francisco)
8/10/98 ALJ Minkin Comr Neeper	10:00 am A98-01-014	(EH)-San Diego Gas & Electric Company, for authority to implement a distribution performance ratemaking mechanism, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also August 11-14,, 17-21, and September 14-16, San Francisco (PPH) for September 23 and 24 with places to be announced
9/28/98 ALJ Pulsifer Comr Conlon	10:00 am R95-04-043 I95-04-044	(EH)-Rulemaking on the Commission's own motion into competition for local exchange service, and (EH)-Investigation on the Commission's own motion into competition for local exchange service, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also September 29 and 30, and October 1 and 2, San Francisco)

# NOTICE OF DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR EX PARTE MEETING

On September 20, 1996, the Commission adopted Resolution ALJ 169 regarding the "Filing of Notice of Denial of Request for Ex Parte Meeting". The resolution implements an interim procedure whereby a party whose written request for an ex parte meeting with a Commissioner has been denied will be allowed to file a notice of such denial. Copies of Resolution ALJ 169 are available from the Commission's Central Files Office at 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2002, San Francisco; telephone (415) 703-2045. Copies of tendered notices are available in the Central Files Office for review and/or reproduction under

existing procedures. They are also available from the filing party who is under the obligation to provide copies of the notice without delay.

#### NONE FILED

#### NOTICE OF ALL-PARTY MEETINGS (PU Code § 1701.3(c) )

#### **NONE**

#### NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

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5/1/98

A97-07-015

Southwest Gas Corporation, to modify the terms and conditions of the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted in D95-04-075 to provide natural gas service in areas of El Dorado, Nevada, and Placer Counties.

Phone: (702) 876-7157

# Summary: THIS IS AN AUGMENTED NOTICE OF AN EX PARTE COMMUNICATION WHICH WAS FILED ON 5/1/98 AND APPEARED IN THE CALENDAR OF 5/6/98

On April 28, 1998, Edward Zub, Senior Vice President/Rates and Product Pricing of the Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest), spoke to Cmmr. Bilas. On April 29, 1998, Edward Zub participated in a meeting with Julie Halligan, advisor to Cmmr. Bilas, in San Francisco. In the meeting of April 29, 1998, also participated: Roger Montgomery, Director/Rates and State Regulatory Affairs, and James Kane, Senior Vice President/Operations, for Southwest; and Mark Pocta of the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA). In the telephone conversation of April 28, 1998, Zub explained Southwest's negative reaction to the proposed decision. Zub urged the Commission to issue an alternate decision supporting a settlement Southwest and the ORA entered into to resolve all issues in the proceeding. During the meeting of April 29, 1998, Southwest's representatives addressed the potential negative financial impacts adoption of the proposed decision would have on the company.

Filer: Southwest Gas Contact: Keith Brown

5/13/98 A97-07-015 Southwest Gas Corporation, to modify the terms and

conditions of the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted in D95-04-075 to provide natural gas service in areas of El Dorado, Nevada, and Placer Counties.

Summary: On May 8, 11, and 12, 1998, representatives of Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest), engaged in the following separate communications: the following separate communications: with David Gamson, advisor to Cmmr. Neeper; Cmmr. Neeper; and Julie Halligan, advisor to Cmmr. Bilas. On May 8, 1998, Robert Johnson, Assistant General Counsel of Southwest, had a telephone conversation with David Gamson. As a result of the conversation, written materials (attached to the notice) were provided to the Commission. The communications on May 11, 1998, involved three separate meetings in San Francisco. In the first meeting, Johnson met with David Gamson. Written materials (attached to the notice) were used. Johnson discussed the construction permitting requirements in Truckee. In the second meeting of May 11, 1998, Edward Zub, Senior Vice President/Rates and Product Pricing, met with Cmmr. Neeper. Also present were: David Gamson, advisor to Cmmr. Neeper; and Roger Montgomery, Director/Rates and State Regulatory Affairs, James Kane, Senior Vice President/ Operations, Robert Johnson, and Stanley Hulett, for Southwest. Sothwest's representatives stated that an alternate decision should be issued adopting the settlement submitted by Southwest and the Office of Ratepayer Advocates. In the third meeting of May 11, 1998, the named above representatives of Southwest met with Julie Halligan, advisor to Cmmr. Bilas. Representatives of Southwest discussed the settlement agreement and described possible parameters for extending service into the areas of Truckee outside the phased construction areas. The communication of May 12, 1998, involved mailing information (attached to the notice) to David Gamson. Information related to Truckee's trench repair standards.

**Filer: Southwest Gas Corporation** 

Contact: Keith Brown Phone: (702) 876-7157

 Commission Order Instituting Investigation to determine methodology the Commission should use to flow through tax savings to ratepayers available to possible over assessment of property owned by regulated utilities by the State Board of Equalization.

**Summary:** On May 13, 1998, William Blase, Vice President - Regulatory, for Pacific Bell (PacBell), met with Cmmr. Neeper in San Francisco. Also present were: Jim Young, Assistant General Counsel, and Thomas Ballo, Senior Counsel, for PacBell. Written handout (attached to the notice) was used. Blase urged the Commission to grant PacBell's application for rehearing of the interim opinion. Young stated that changes in property taxes which resulted from a settlement between PacBell and the state Board of Equalization do not qualify as a Z-factor under PacBell's regulatory freamework. Young stated that the Commission should adopt the proposed decision which correctly determined that property tax changes were not caused by an exogenous event. Ballo noted that any property tax cost changes that occurred were the result of the settlement agreement between the utilities, the

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counties, and the SBE, as opposed the AT&T trial court decision. Ballo further noted that the settlement was not an exogenous event since it was the settlement of pending litigation that had been voluntarily filed by the utilities, it was negotiated, and it was fully within PacBell's management's control to sign or not to sign the settlement. Ballo also pointed out that the interim opinion improperly relied exclusively on a hearsay memo; in addition, the interim opinion misconstrued the memo.

Phone: (415) 542-3350

Filer: Pacific Bell Contact: Lila Tam