## Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

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The Commission's policy is to schedule hearings (meetings, workshops, etc.) in locations that are accessible to people with disabilities. To verify that a particular location is accessible, call (415) 703-1203. If specialized accommodations for the disabled are needed, e.g. sign language interpreters, those making the arrangements must call the Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074 or TDD# (415) 703-2032 five working days in advance of the event.

#### **REGULAR COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETINGS**

April 1, 1999	10am	San Francisco
April 22, 1999	10 am	San Francisco
May 13, 1999	10 am	San Francisco

#### **REGULAR COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS**

March 30, 1999	4 pm	San Francisco
April 6, 1999	4 pm	San Francisco
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April 27, 1999	4 pm	San Francisco
May 4, 1999	4 pm	San Francisco
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May 25, 1999	4 pm	San Francisco

For further information contact the Public Advisor (415) 703-2074, E-mail: Public advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

## 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.* 

March 29, 1999	1:30 pm	San Francisco
April 19, 1999	1:30 pm	San Francisco
May 10, 1999	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.

## Charge for Commission Documents

To purchase Commission documents, there is a charge of 20 cents a printed page (postage prepaid) with a minimum purchase of \$2.00.

## SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

## Subscription Notice for Draft Agenda Items

In compliance with Public Utilities Code Section 311.5, parties who wish to subscribe to receive draft agenda items may do so by writing to the Public Utilities Commission; Attention: Poly Arca, Room 1003; 505 Van Ness Avenue; San Francisco, CA 94102; or by calling (415) 703-1798. The cost for a one-year subscription to the entire public agenda package (which excludes Executive Session materials) is \$1,000. You may also order a partial agenda package (energy agenda items only or telecommunication agenda items only) at the cost of \$500 per year. The package you receive via mail will include only those agenda items available at the time of the agenda distribution date, which is usually 10 to 12 days prior to the Commission meeting. If agenda items (including revisions) are not ready on the distribution date, they will be made available at no charge in the lobby outside the Commission Auditorium at 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the Commission meeting, but not earlier.

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.

Intervenors who have a financial hardship determination pending or granted shall be eligible to receive draft agenda item packets at no charge.

The cost to receive the agenda only, without copies of draft agenda items, remains at \$75 per year.

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cost for the Daily Calendar is \$225 per year. The Biweekly Daily Calendar is \$50 per year. The Agenda is \$75 per year. Checks are to be made payable to the Public Utilities Commission.

## **COMMISSIONER OFFICE HOURS**

(For further information or to make an appointment, please contact Sandra Graham at (213) 897-3544).

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Location</u>
4/9/99, 9 am - 12 pm	Josiah L. Neeper	State Office Building 1350 Front Street, Room 4006 <b>San Diego</b>
5/18/99, 9 am - 12 pm	Josiah L. Neeper	State Office Building 320 West Fourth Street, Suite 500 Los Angeles
5/20/99, 9 am - 12 pm	Josiah L. Neeper	State Office Building 1350 Front Street, Room 4006 <b>San Diego</b>

## PUBLIC MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

## Public Meeting

March 30, 1999	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 J. Thaler at (415) 703-1157.

April 6, 1999	Pacific Energy Center
9 am to 12 pm	851 Howard Street
	San Francisco

The California Board for Energy Efficiency (CBEE) will hold a public workshop on potential program and budget changes for the program year (PY) 2000 programs. Workshop participants are encouraged to identify high priority policy, program, funding, and management and administrative issues that should be addressed in the PY2000 planning process. The CBEE will consider the public input and discussion at the public workshop to begin to identify and prioritize its policy, program, funding, and management and administrative recommendations regarding changes for PY2000 programs at its board meetings on the afternoon of April 6 and all day on April 7. Members of the CBEE's Technical Services Consulting team will facilitate the workshop. The workshop is open to the public. The contact person is Mark Thayer (619) 594-5510. For further information about CBEE consult the CBEE Web Page at www.cbee.org.

## **Public Meeting**

April 6, 1999	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

April 6, 1999	Pacific Energy Center
1 pm to 5 pm	851 Howard Street
	San Francisco

*Teleconference Information: This meeting is accessible by teleconference. To call in, dial: 1-888-550-5969. After the prompt, enter the access code followed by the pound sign. To obtain the access code, please contact Elizabeth Gunn, Board Coordinator, at (415) 703-1956, or by e-mail at egunn@cpuc.ca.gov.* 

The California Board for Energy Efficiency (CBEE) will meet to discuss the following topics: CBEE Assignments from the Commission Decision on Administration of Programs; 1999 Program Planning and Implementation; Resolution E-3592 on 1999 Energy Efficiency Programs; Planning for PY2000 Program and Budget Changes, Including the Results of the April 6 Public Workshop; Energy Division Workshop on Board Issues, Including CBEE Reply Comments; Phase 2 Process Regarding Future Administration; Annual Report on Energy Efficiency Activities; Legislative Update; Market Assessment and Evaluation (MA&E); Reporting Requirements and Comments on Workshop; CBEE Work Plan and Schedule for the Remainder of 1999; Organizational Planning and Staffing; Board Operations; CBEE Web Site Revisions; Updates and Status

Reports from Committees; Administrative and Technical Services; Treasurer's Report; and Scheduling and Agenda Planning for Future Meetings. The meeting is open to the public. The contact person is Mark Thayer (619) 594-5510. For further information about the CBEE and this meeting consult the CBEE Web Page at <u>www.cbee.org</u>.

## Public Meeting - REVISED AS OF 3/22/99

April 6, 1999	Burbank Public Library
and	110 North Glenoaks Boulevard
April 7, 1999	<b>Burbank</b>
10:00 am - 4:00 pm)	

The Low Income Governing Board will meet to discuss the following topics: (1) Report from the Chair, (2) approve and adopt meeting minutes, (3) approve and adopt response to utility Technical Advice Letter filings regarding the needs assessment and outreach plan, (4) approve and adopt recommendations for participation in the April 12-13, 1999 Energy Division workshop, (5) deliberate about and adopt methods aimed at advancing competitive bidding in 1999 and 2000 programs, (6) initiate and adopt a request for utility joint proposal on uniform implementation measures for PY 2000, (7) deliberate and adopt Phase 2 strategy and comments [scheduled to be due on or about June 4], (8) approve and adopt direction to utilities regarding standardization of annual reporting guidelines and administrative cost treatment [to be filed with the Commission on May 1 and May 15, 1999, respectively], (9) approve and adopt further PY 2000 LIEE and CARE recommendations for Commission approval, (10) update on pilot proposals, including those addressing Native Americans and other hard-to-reach population, (11) status report on utility joint proposal on uniform implementation of measures, (12) review and adopt ion of the Board's critical path schedule, (13) approve and adopt Board position regarding performance incentives (AEAP schedule), updates from Energy Division, Office of Ratepayer Advocates, and CPUC Legal Division, (14) deliberate and adopt strategy for collaboration with municipal utilities, (15) deliberate and approve action on proposed Commission orders, (16) deliberate and approve action on pending utility filings, (17) deliberate and approve action on ongoing Commission proceedings, and (18) deliberate and approve action on pending legislation.

An agenda for the meeting is being developed and can be obtained from the LIGB's website at <u>www.ligb.org</u>. Directions to the meeting will be provided on the agenda. This meeting location is wheelchair accessible and the meeting is open to the public. For more information contact Sharon Weinberg at (510) 251-2888, extension 2025.

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## **Public Meeting**

April 7, 1999	The California Number Pooling Task Force
9 am - 4 pm	795 Folsom Street
	San Francisco

*The* California Number Pooling Task Force will be holding a public meeting on April 7, 1999 at 795 Folsom Street, San Francisco, California. The Number Pooling Task Force was established by the California Public Utilities Commission to examine the efficient use of numbering resources, including the feasibility of developing improved tools for conserving central office codes.

For information regarding special accommodations and other meeting details please call Karen Notsund at 415-442-2193.

April 8, 1999	Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program
and	1939 Harrison Street
April 9, 1999	DDTP Conference Room, Suite 555
	Oakland
10 am - 4 pm	

The <u>EQUIPMENT PROGRAM ADVISORY 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**

April 13, 1999	San Diego Gas and Electric
9 am to 5 pm	101 Ash Street
	Ground Floor Auditorium
	San Diego

The Administrative Committee of the Electric Education Trust (EET) meets to approve rules for the participation of local governments in the CBO grant program and the non-CBO education plan, adopt procedure to invite participants in the grant selection committee, approve nominations to the advisory panel for scoring grant proposals, adopt elements of evaluation for awarded CBO's, approve research plan and assign EETAC members to the outreach forums.

The contact person is William Schulte at (415) 703-2349.

## **Public Meeting**

April 15, 1999	California Public Utilities Commission
1:30 pm - 4 pm	505 Van Ness Avenue
	<i>Room 3204</i>
	San Francisco

The Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) Administrative Committee will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting to address the following: Review/Approve Meeting Minutes, Review/Approve Telephone Claims, Review/Approve ULTS/ULTSMB Administrative Expenses and Authorize Administrative Transfer, PUC Report and Action Items, Review/Acceptance of the Amervest Report, Review/Approve Administrative Report and Action Items, set Agenda for future meetings, and Hear Public Comments. This meeting is open to the public. The Board reserves the right to limit the time allocated to public comments and each speaker. If you would like to join the meeting by phone conference and/or receive a meeting packet please notify the ULTS Trust Office at (510) 452-2757.

April 21, 1999	Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program
10 am - 3 pm	1939 Harrison Street
	DDTP Conference Room, Suite 555
	Oakland

The <u>VIDEO RELAY TRIALS 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 realtime 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 - CANCELLED AS OF 3/19/99

April 21, 1999	California Public Utilities Commission
1:30 pm	505 Van Ness Avenue
	Training Room
	San Francisco

LOTTERY FOR TELEPHONE NUMBER PREFIX ASSIGNMENTS IN THE 209/559, 310, 408/831, 415, 510, 619/858, 650, 707, 714, 760, 805/661, 818, AND 909 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 209/559, 310, 408/831, 415, 510, 619/858, 650, 707, 714, 760, 805/661, 818, and 909 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 April 13, 1999. All companies applying for central office codes must have a Jeopardy COCUS (Central Office Code Utilization Survey) on file with the California Code Administrator. For information on the Jeopardy COCUS filing, call (925) 363-8736. 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. Companies who wish to have a sealed envelope prepared for them on an ongoing basis containing their confidential letter designations for each NPA lottery drawing, should submit such a request in writing prior to the close of business on April 13, 1999 to: Mary Jo Borak, Telecommunications Division, California Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102.

**Public Meeting** 

April 22, 1999	Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program
10 am - 2 pm	1939 Harrison Street, Suite 555
	DDTP Conference Room, Suite 555
	Oakland

The <u>711 SUB-COMMITTEE</u> of the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program will hold a meeting to discuss relay access. 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 – REVISED AS OF 3/16/99

April 22, 1999	Payphone Service Providers Enforcement Group
10 am - 2:30 pm	One Crow Canyon Court, Suite 105
	San Ramon

The Payphone Service Providers Enforcement (PSPE) Committee will conduct a monthly meeting. For more information, please contact Adam J. Thaler at (415) 703-1157. For directions to the meeting, or for additional information, please contact the PSPE Program at (925) 855-3890

## Public Meeting

April 23, 1999 10 am - 4 pm	Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program 1939 Harrison Street
10 um - 4 pm	DDTP Conference Room, Suite 555
	Oakland

The <u>CALIFORNIA RELAY SERVICE ADVISORY 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

April 26, 1999	Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program
10 am - 1 pm	1939 Harrison Street
	DDTP Conference Room, Suite 555
	Oakland

The <u>FINANCE SUB-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**

May 4, 1999	Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program
10 am - 4 pm	1939 Harrison Street
	DDTP Conference Room, Suite 555
	Oakland

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#### **Public Meeting**

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May 13, 1999	Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program
10 am - 4 pm	1939 Harrison Street
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## **Public Meeting**

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## NOTICE OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (Pursuant to PU Code § 311(g))

#### NONE

#### **NEW FILINGS**

3/25/99	A99-03-053	Pablo and Rubileen Chavez, dba Airporter Corner Stone, for authority to operate as a passenger stage service throughout Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties and the City of Santa Cruz (1264 Susan Lane, Santa Cruz, CA 95062; (831) 477-0980)
3/26/99	A99-03-054	Alisal Water Corporation, dba Alco Water Service, for a determination pursuant to Section 851 of the Public Utilities Code if utility funds obtained in settlement of a lawsuit lawfully may be applied to satisfy a third party judgment lien, for review of judgment, and related matters

## PETITIONS FOR MODIFICATION AND APPLICATIONS FOR REHEARING

NONE

## DRAFT DECISIONS \* PROPOSED DECISIONS \* ALTERNATES \* PRESIDING OFFICER'S DECISION \* ARBITRATOR'S REPORTS

#### NONE

## **ADVICE LETTER FILINGS**

#### NONE

## MISCELLANEOUS TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

March 30, 1999

Filings with Rail Safety and Carriers Division

NONE

## MISCELLANEOUS TELECOMMUNICATION MATTERS

March 30, 1999

NONE

#### ADJOURNMENTS \* RESETTINGS \* SUBMISSIONS

I98-09-007	McVicar - Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the operations and practices of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company in connection with Public Utilities Code Section 451, General Order 95, and other applicable standards governing tree-line clearances, <b>Evidentiary Hearing held and continued to April 7</b>
A98-09-040	<ul> <li>Walker - In the matter of the application of the Southern California Water Company (U 133 W) for the authority pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 454 to restructure the water rates of its Barstow, Calipatria-Niland, Claremont, Desert, Orange County, San Dimas, San Gabriel and Wrightwood Districts into region-wide tariffs,</li> <li>Public Participation Hearing held and continued to March 30</li> </ul>
A98-07-058	(EH) - Pacific Gas and Electric Company, for authority to recover its 1997 and 1998 non-nuclear generation capital additions in the competition
A98-08-012	<ul> <li>transition charge,</li> <li>(EH) - Application of San Diego Gas &amp; Electric</li> <li>Company for competition transition charge recovery of capital additions,</li> </ul>

# Evidentiary Hearing set for April 7, reset to April 13

#### **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

3/23/99	9:30 a.m.	NONE SCHEDULED

3/30/99 9:30 a.m. NONE SCHEDULED

4/6/99 9:30 a.m. NONE SCHEDULED

## FINAL ORAL ARGUMENT

#### NONE

## 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.

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(EH) = Evident (PPH) = Public	c Participation He Arbitration Meet	(WS) = Workshop aring (FPH) = Full Panel Hearing
3/30/99 ALJ Walker Comr Duque	7:00 p.m. A.98-09-040	<ul> <li>(PPH) - In the matter of the application of the Southern California Water Company (U 133 W) for the authority pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 454 to restructure the water rates of its Barstow, Calipatria-Niland, Claremont, Desert, Orange County, San Dimas, San Gabriel and Wrightwood Districts into region-wide tariffs,</li> <li>(also City of Barstow Council Chambers, 220 East Mountain View, Barstow; March 31, Morongo Valley Elementary School, 10951 Hess Blvd., Morongo Valley; April 1, Fremont School, 501 West Main Street, Calipatria; April 19, Wrightwood Country Club, 1387 Oriole Road, Wrightwood; April 20, Senior Citizen Community Bldg., 201 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas; April 21, Claremont City Hall Council Chambers, 207 Harvard Avenue, Claremont; April 22, Stanton City Hall Council Chambers, 7800 Katella Avenue, Stanton)</li> </ul>
3/31/99 ALJ Econome Comr Bilas	9:30 a.m. C.93-07-046 C.94-02-009	<ul> <li>(PHC) - Utility Audit Company, Inc., vs. Southern California Gas Company for charging excessive rates for gas service relating to the multi-family sites and master meter accounts listed in complaint,</li> <li>(PHC - Utility Audit Company, Inc., vs. Southern California Gas Company for three years of overcharges relating to multi-family sites and master meter accounts; requests refunds plus interest,</li> <li>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco</li> </ul>
3/31/99 ALJ Barnett Comr Bilas	11:00 a.m. A.99-01-036	(PHC) - Application of PacifiCorp (U 901-E) and Scottish Power plc for exemption from the merger approval requirements of California Public Utilities Code Section 854, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
4/1/99 ALJ	10:00 a.m. C.98-12-011	(EH) - Mark K. Sneed and Jose Luis Ayala-Aroche, dba El Corre Caminos vs. Laura P. Acevedos and Jose

Rosenthal Comr Neeper		F. Acevedos, dba Executive Lines, for operating outside the scope of its certificate, <b>State Office Building, Room 1064, 1350 Front</b> <b>Street, San Diego, (also April 2)</b>
4/5/99 ALJ Barnett Comr Duque	10:00 a.m. A.98-07-005 A98-10-012 A.98-10-031	<ul> <li>(PHC) - San Diego Gas and Electric Company and Southern California Gas Company for approval of a gas transmission service tariff,</li> <li>(PHC) - Southern California Gas Company for authority to revise its rates effective August 1, 1999 in its biennial cost allocation proceeding,</li> <li>(PHC) - Application of San Diego Gas &amp; Electric Company for Authority to revise its gas rates effective August 1, 1999, in its biennial cost allocation proceeding,</li> <li>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also</li> </ul>
		(second PHC) 10:00 a.m., April 5, (EH) 1:30 p.m., April 5, (EH) April 6-9, April 12-16, April 19-23, April 26-30)
4/5/99 ALJ Ryerson Comr Neeper	10:00 am C.98-11-016	<ul> <li>(EH) (Will be heard under (ECP) - Aerosprays, Inc. vs. Southern California Edison Company and Edison International Company, for improper and unreasonable charges in the amount of \$2,983.47; misrepresentation of facts relating to energy charges; and re-rating of plaintiffs' building units,</li> <li>Ventura College of Law, Room 3, 4475 Market Street, Ventura</li> </ul>
4/5/99 ALJ O'Donnell Comr Bilas	10:00 a.m. I.98-12-013	(EH) - Order Instituting investigation into the power outage that occurred on December 8, 1998 on Pacific Gas and Electric Company's electric system, Commission Auditorium, San Francisco
4/7/99 ALJ Bushey Comr Neeper	9:00 a.m. R.97-08-001	(OA) - Rulemaking on the Commission's own motion to consider adoption of rules applicable to interexchange carriers for the transfer of customers including establishing penalties for unauthorized
	I.97-08-002	<ul> <li>transfer,</li> <li>(OA) - Investigation on the Commission's own motion to consider adoption of rules applicable to interexchange carriers for the transfer of customers including establishing penalties for unauthorized transfer,</li> <li>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco</li> </ul>

4/7/99 ALJ Ryerson Comr Conlon	10:00 a.m. C.98-06-037	<ul> <li>(EH) - William Kent vs. Southern California Edison Company, for overcharges and for improper electrical power cut-offs,</li> <li>28 Civic Center Plaza, Room 351, Santa Ana</li> </ul>
4/7/99 ALJ McVicar Comr Duque Comr Neeper	10:00 a.m. I.98-09-007	<ul> <li>(EH) - Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the operations and practices of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company in connection with Public Utilities Code Section 451, General Order 95, and other applicable standards governing tree-line clearances,</li> <li>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco</li> </ul>
4/7/99 ALJ Vieth Comr Duque	1:30 p.m. A.99-02-003	(PHC) - Joint application of Dominguez Water Company (U-330-W) and Hawkins Water Service (U- 114-W) for approval of the acquisition of the utility assets of Hawkins Water Service by Dominguez Water Company, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
4/7/99 ALJ Vieth Comr Duque	2:30 p.m. A.99-02-005	(PHC) - Joint application of Dominguez Water Company (U-330-W) and Coast Springs Water Company (U-130-W) for approval of the acquisition of the utility assets of Coast Springs Water Company by Dominguez Water Company, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
4/8/99 ALJ Patrick Comr Conlon	10:00 a.m. R.92-03-050	(PHC) - Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's Own Motion to consider the line extension rules of electric and gas utilities; and compliance with Ordering Paragraph 6 of D.98-09-070, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
4/8/99 ALJ Ryerson Comr Neeper	10:00 a.m. C.98-08-040	(PHC) - Donna Matthews vs. Meadows Management Company, James K. Krueger and Rondell Handson dba Plantation on the Lake Mobilehouse Park, for charging excessive water rates, Norton Younglove Multipurpose Senior Center, "Craft Room", 908 Park Avenue, Calimesa
4/8/99 ALJ Bennett	10:00 a.m. C.99-03-018	(ECP) – Christopher Douglas vs. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco

4/12/99 ALJ Bushey Comr Duque	9:00 a.m. I.98-08-004	(EH) - Investigation on the Commission's own motion into the operations, practices, and conduct of Coral Communications, Inc. (Coral) and Michael Tinari, President of Coral; William Galo, Senior Vice President of Coral; Devon Porcella, Vice President of Sales and Operations of Coral; Neal Deleo, Vice President Finance and MIS of Coral to determine whether the corporation or its principals have operated within California without having a certificate to operate from the Commission and whether they have charge California subscribers for telecommunications services the subscribers never authorized, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also April 13-14)
4/12/99 ALJ Vieth Comr Bilas	10:00 a.m. A.99-01-006	(PHC) - Maria Avelar and Timothy Allen Wosick, dba Bottom Line Results Moving for a household goods carrier permit, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
4/13/99 ALJ Vieth Comr Neeper	1:30 p.m. C.99-01-039	( <b>PHC</b> ) - The Greenlining Institute and Latino Issues Forum vs. Pacific Bell and Pacific Information Services, <b>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco</b>
4/13/99 ALJ Malcolm Comr Bilas	2:00 p.m. A.98-07-058 A.98-08-012	<ul> <li>(EH) - Pacific Gas and Electric Company, for authority to recover its 1997 and 1998 non-nuclear generation capital additions in the competition transition charge,</li> <li>(EH) - Application of San Diego Gas &amp; Electric Company for competition transition charge recovery of capital additions,</li> <li>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco</li> </ul>
4/16/99 ALJ Bushey Comr Knight	10:00 a.m. C.95-08-039	( <b>PHC</b> ) - Bayside Village, The Fillmore Center, and North Point Apartments vs. Pacific Bell for failure to take responsibility for all building cross connects, <b>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco</b>
4/16/99 ALJ McVicar Comr Duque	10:00 a.m. C.97-09-023	( <b>PHC</b> ) - Twean, a New York General Partnership, dba Time Warner Cable of Bakersfield vs. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, for violations of Section 767.5 of the California Public Utilities Code, <b>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco</b>

4/19/99 ALJ Stalder Comr Duque	9:00 a.m. A.89-03-026	(EH) - In the matter of the application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for a certificate that the present and future public convenience and necessity requires or will require Edison to construct and operate a 220 kV double-circuit transmission line between the Kramer substation and the Victor substation in San Bernardino County, California, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
4/22/99 ALJ Weiss Comr Duque	1:30 p.m. A.98-11-003 A.98-11-015	<ul> <li>(PHC) - In the matter of the application of the Southern California Water Company (U 133 W) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 1001 to extend its West Orange County System to the Bolsa Chica planned community,</li> <li>(PHC) - In the matter of the application of the Southern California Water Company (U 133 W) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 1001 to operate and maintain a wastewater system to provide service to the Bolsa Chica planned community,</li> <li>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also (EH) July 26, 10:00 a.m.)</li> </ul>
4/26/99 ALJ Patrick Comr Conlon	10:00 a.m. A.98-05-014 A.98-05-022	<ul> <li>(EH) - Application of Southern California Edison Company (U-338-E) to report on the valuation process for certain generation-related assets pursuant to D.97- 11-074,</li> <li>(EH) - Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to report assessments of inventory retained generation assets,</li> <li>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also April 27-30; also (EH) May 6, 10:00 a.m.)</li> </ul>
4/27/99 ALJ Vieth Comr Duque	10:00 a.m. A.99-02-004	(PHC) - Joint application of California Water Service Company (U-60-W), Dominguez Water Company (U- 330-W), Kern River Valley Water Company (U-295- W) and Antelope Valley Water Company (U-281-U) for approval of a plan of merger of California Water Service Company, Dominguez Water Company, Kern River Valley Water Company, and Antelope Valley Water Company, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco

4/28/99 ALJ O'Donnell Comr Bilas	10:00 a.m. I.98-12-013	(PHC) - Order Instituting Investigation Into the Power Outage Which Occurred on December 8, 1998 on Pacific Gas & Electric Company's Electric System, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also (EH) June 1-4, June 7-11)
4/28/99 ALJ Gottstein Comr Neeper	10:00 a.m. A.98-12-038	(PHC) - Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for order approving amendment no. 2 to power purchase agreement between Southern California Edison Company and Colmac Energy, Inc., Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
4/29/99 ALJ Barnett Comr Neeper	9:00 a.m. A.98-05-053	(PHC) - Application of the Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for Review of the Reasonableness of Southern California Edison Company's Operations During the Period from April 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also (EH) May 18-21, May 24-28)
4/30/99 ALJ Barnett Comr Duque	10:00 a.m. A.98-11-023	<ul> <li>(PHC) - Pacific Gas and Electric Company to establish performance-based ratemaking for electric and gas utility distribution service effective January 1, 2001,</li> <li>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also (EH) August 9-13, August 16-20, August 23-27, August 30-31, September 1-3, September 6-10, September 13-17, September 20-24, September 27-30, October 1)</li> </ul>
5/3/99 ALJ O'Donnell Comr Duque	10:00 a.m. A.98-12-025	<ul> <li>(PHC) - Southern California Edison Company and San Diego Gas and Electric Company for the nuclear decommissioning cost triennial proceeding to set contribution levels for the companies' nuclear decommissioning trust funds and address other related issues,</li> <li>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also 9:30 a.m., May 4-7)</li> </ul>
5/3/99 ALJ Walker Comr Duque	2:00 - 4:00 p.m. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. A.98-12-028	( <b>PPH</b> ) - In the matter of the application of Elk Grove Water Works (U 135-W) for an order authorizing it to increase rates for water service for its total service area, and approving its planned water filtration plant installation,

		Elk Grove Community Services District, Board
		Room, 8820 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove
5/10/99	10:00 a.m.	(EH) - Pacific Gas and Electric Company for authority
ALJ Malcolm	A.99-01-016	to establish post-transition period electric ratemaking
ALJ Minkin Comr Duque	A.99-01-019	mechanisms, (EH) - San Diego Gas & Electric Company for
	A.))-01-01)	authority to implement post rate freeze ratemaking mechanisms,
	A.99-01-034	<ul> <li>(EH) - Southern California Edison Company (U-338-E) to: (1) propose a method to determine and implement the end of rate freeze; and (2) propose ratemaking which should be in place after the end of the rate freeze periods,</li> </ul>
	A.99-02-029	<ul> <li>(EH) - Application of San Diego Gas and Electric Company: (1) informing the Commission of the probable timing of the end of its electric rate freeze,</li> <li>(2) for authorization to change electric rates through implementation of interim ratemaking mechanisms concurrent with termination of the electric rate freeze, and (3) for authorization to change electric rates by adding, and revising or terminating existing, rate and revenue mechanisms and rate designs,</li> <li>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also May 11-14, 9:00 a.m.)</li> </ul>
5/17/99 ALJ Econome Comr Bilas	10:00 a.m. A.98-11-012	<ul> <li>(EH) - Application of Lodi Gas Storage, LLC for certificate of public convenience and necessity for construction and operation of gas storage facilities, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also (EH) 9:00 a.m., May 18-21, (CA), 1:30 p.m., May 25)</li> </ul>
5/24/99 ALJ Galvin Comr Duque	10:00 a.m. A98-07-020	(EH) - In the Matter of the Application of Pacific Bell a corporation, for Authority to Categorize Centrex as a Category III Service,
Com Duque	A.98-07-029	<ul> <li>(EH) - In the Matter of the Application of Pacific Bell a corporation, for Authority to Categorize Toll-Free (8XX) and Business MTS IntraLATA Toll Services as Category III Services,</li> <li>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also May 25-28, June 1-4)</li> </ul>
5/24/99 ALJ Walker Comr Duque	10:00 a.m. A.98-09-040	(EH) - Application of the Southern California Water Company for authority pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 454 to restructure the water rates of its

		Barstow, Calipatria-Niland, Claremont, Desert, Orange County, San Dimas, San Gabriel and Wrightwood Districts into region-wide tariffs, <b>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also</b> <b>May 25-28)</b>
6/3/99 ALJ Mattson Comr Neeper	10:00 a.m. A.98-12-005	<ul> <li>(PHC) - In the matter of the joint application of GTE Corporation ("GTE") and Bell Atlantic 98-12-005 Control of GTE's California Utility Subsidiaries to Bell Atlantic, which will occur indirectly as a result of GTE's merger with Bell Atlantic,</li> <li>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also (EH) June 7-11, June 14-18, June 21-25, 10:00 a.m.)</li> </ul>
6/14/99 ALJ Barnett Comr Conlon Comr Bilas	10:00 a.m. A.97-12-039	<ul> <li>(EH) - San Diego Gas &amp; Electric Company for authority to sell electrical generation facilities and power contracts,</li> <li>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also June 15-18)</li> </ul>
6/14/99 ALJ Minkin Comr Duque Comr Conlon	10:00 a.m. A98-09-003 A98-09-008	<ul> <li>(PHC) - Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Review and Recovery of the Costs and Revenues in the Transition Cost Balancing Account (U 39 E),</li> <li>(PHC) - Application of Southern California Edison Company to Review and Recovery Transition Cost Balancing Account Entries from January 1, 1998 through June 30, 1998 and Various Generation-</li> </ul>
	A98-09-009	Related Memorandum Account Entries, (PHC) - Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company in the Annual Transition Cost Proceeding Regarding the Transition Cost Balancing Account (TCBA), Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also (EH) June 21-25, June 28-30, July 1-2, July 5-8, (CA) 9:00 a.m., July 9
8/23/99 ALJ Malcolm	10:00 a.m. A.99-01-016	(EH) - Pacific Gas and Electric Company for authority to establish post-transition period electric ratemaking
ALJ Minkin Comr Duque	A.99-01-019	mechanisms, (EH) - San Diego Gas & Electric Company for authority to implement post rate freeze ratemaking mechanisms,
	A.99-01-034	<ul><li>(EH) - Southern California Edison Company (U-338-</li><li>E) to: (1) propose a method to determine and</li></ul>

A.99-02-029	<ul> <li>implement the end of rate freeze; and (2) propose ratemaking which should be in place after the end of the rate freeze periods,</li> <li>(EH) - Application of San Diego Gas and Electric Company: (1) informing the Commission of the probable timing of the end of its electric rate freeze, (2) for authorization to change electric rates through implementation of interim ratemaking mechanisms concurrent with termination of the electric rate freeze, and (3) for authorization to change electric rates by adding, and revising or terminating existing, rate and revenue mechanisms and rate designs,</li> <li>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also August 24-27, August 30-September 3, 9:00 a.m.)</li> </ul>
10:00 a.m. A.98-08-003	(EH) - Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for review and recovery of the costs and
A.98-09-008 A.98-09-009	revenues in the transition cost balancing account, <b>(EH)</b> - Application of Southern California Edison Company to review and recovery transition cost balancing account entries from January 1998 through June 30, 1998 and various generation-related memorandum account entries, <b>(EH)</b> - Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company in the annual transition cost proceeding regarding the transition cost balancing account, <b>Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also September 8-10, 9:00 a.m.)</b>
	10:00 a.m. A.98-08-003 A.98-09-008

## 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) )

#### All Party Meeting

March 30, 1999	CPUC
10 am - 11:30 am	Hearing Room D

There will be an All-party Meeting held with Commission president Richard A. Bilas in regard to the Proposed Decisions of ALJ Angela K. Minkin and the Alternate Decisions of Commission Richard A. Bilas (A98-05-004, A98-05-006, and A98-05-015). **RSVP with representative's name(s), affiliation, and telephone and fax numbers to be reached in the event of any changes to this meeting. Please either leave a message for Betsie Diamond at (415) 392-7900, send a fax to her attention at (415) 398-4321, or email her at <u>bdiamond@gmssr.com</u> no later than Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, to ensure adequate time to notify the Commissioner's office of the attendees.** 

#### All-Party Meeting

April 6, 1999	CPUC
2:30 pm	Auditorium

There will be an All-Party Meeting with Commissioner Henry M. Duque and Michelle Cooke, Advisor to Commissioner Duque regarding the Proposed Decisions of ALJ Angela K. Minkin and the Alternate Decisions of Commissioner Richard A. Bilas in Dockets A98-05-004, A98-05-006, and A98-05-015. Please RSVP with representative's name(s), affiliation, and telephone and fax numbers to be reached in the event of any changes to this meeting. Please either leave a message for Betsie Diamond at (415) 392-7900, send a fax to her attention at (415) 398-4321, or e-mail her at <u>bdiamond@gmssr.com</u> no later than <u>Friday, April 2</u>, to ensure adequate time to notify the Commissioner's office of the attendees.

## NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

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3/8/99	A94-12-005	Pacific Gas and Electric Company, for authority to decrease its rate and charges for electric and gas service
		and increase rates and charges for pipeline expansion service- test year 1996 general rate case.
	I95-02-015	Commission Order Instituting Investigation into rates, charges, service and practices of PG&E.

Summary: CORRECTION FROM THE DAILY CALENDAR OF 3/26/99. On March 3, 1999, Les Guliasi of Pacific Gas & Electric ("PG&E") initiated an ex parte session at CPUC with Commissioner Neeper and advisor David Gamson. Mr. Guliasi raised the issue of PG&E's service restoration efforts following the severe winter storms of 1995, and said PG&E's restoration efforts compared favorably with other utilities in responding to storms of comparable severity. Mr. Guliasi further stated the proposed decision's ("PD") findings that PG&E's conduct was unreasonable in its handling of customer claims was not supported by the record. Mr. Guliasi, citing the PD's three (3) allegations of negligence against PG&E, responded that the company always abided by Rule 14 in handling customer claims. In support of his assertion, the PG&E representative provided the PUC officials copies of claims processing documents that PG&E used and further submitted for the record in this proceeding (and which were attached to the Notice of Ex Parte Communications). He said the PD's recommendation to record all claims paid as a "below the line" expense is unfair and would represent an unprecedented deviation from PUC practice. Mr. Guliasi concluded by saying the PD unfairly applies a more stringent pole loading standard to PG&E compared to other energy and telecommunications utilities. He said any such standard should apply to all utilities and not be applied merely to PG&E in this proceeding.

Filer: Pacific Gas and Electric Company Contact: Sandra Ciach

Phone: (415) 972-5611

3/24/99 A98-01-014 San Diego Gas & Electric Company, for authority to implement a distribution performance-based ratemaking mechanism

Summary: On March 22, 1999 Sempra Energy ("Sempra") officials communicated ex parte to Commission President Bilas and his advisor, Dorothy Duda. The occasion was a meeting conducted at CPUC at the initiation of NRDC. Other parties represented at the meeting were UCAN, the City of San Diego, and Office of Ratepayer Advocates ("ORA"). Attending for Sempra were Ed Guiles, President of San Diego Gas and Electric ("SDG&E") and Bill Reed, Lee Schavrien, Lisa Hubbard, and Kimberly Freeman, all of SDG&E. Mr. Guiles said SDG&E agrees that the proposed alternate decision of Commission President Bilas is simple, relevant, and compatible with the competitive market. He urged the Commission to adopt the rate indexing methodology, and stressed that demand side management ("DSM") was a core value at SDG&E. Mr. Reed added that in 1997 and 1998 SDG&E operated without ERAM protection, yet did not have egregious sales growth programs. Mr. Schavrien said SDG&E opposed a 4/30/99 end date for the gas fixed cost account ("GFCA") as this termination date may result in a shareholder impact of roughly \$30 million. Due to over-collection and under-collection at different times of the year, Mr. Schavrien urged PUC to consider a January end date for the GFCA. He also recommended the Commission reconsider the deadband in the earnings sharing mechanism, stating that it should be at last 100 basis points wide.

## Filer: Sempra

**Contact: Renee Le Camus** 

Phone: (415) 202-9986

3/24/99	A98-11-023	Pacific Gas and Electric Company to establish
		performance-based ratemaking for electric and gas
		utility distribution service effective January 1, 2000

**Summary:** On March 19, 1999 Tom Thompson of the Officer of Ratepayer Advocates ("ORA") initiated a meeting with Michelle Cooke, advisor to Commissioner Duque. Mr. Thompson stated the administrative law judge's proposed decision should be adopted and not the alternate decision ("AD") of Commission President Bilas. He cited three (3) points in response to the AD. They were that (1) ratepayers would be harmed in that they would not be compensated unless PG&E made a profit, (2) reporting, accounting, and auditing details in the AD are insufficient to determine the reasonableness of revenues, costs, and profits for purposes of determining ratepayers' profits, and (3) the AD relies to some degree on the interim nature of PG&E's proposal. Further details on each of these points were provided in the filer's Notice of Ex Parte Communications.

Filer: Office of Ratepayer Advocates Contact: Sue Muniz

Phone: (415) 703-2804

3/24/99 A98-05-007 Pacific Gas and Electric Company, for authority to adopt a revenue-sharing mechanism and other prerequisites for new non-tariffed products and services

**Summary:** On March 19, 1999 Tom Thompson of the Officer of Ratepayer Advocates ("ORA") initiated a meeting with Michelle Cooke, advisor to Commissioner Duque. Mr. Thompson stated the administrative law judge's proposed decision should be adopted and not the alternate decision ("AD") of Commission President Bilas. He cited three (3) points in response to the AD. They were that (1) ratepayers would be harmed in that they would not be compensated unless PG&E made a profit, (2) reporting, accounting, and auditing details in the AD are insufficient to determine the reasonableness of revenues, costs, and profits for purposes of determining ratepayers' profits, and (3) the AD relies to some degree on the interim nature of PG&E's proposal. Further details on each of these points were provided in the filer's Notice of Ex Parte Communications.

#### Filer: Office of Ratepayer Advocates

**Contact: Sue Muniz** 

Phone: (415) 703-2804

3/25/99 A98-01-014 San Diego Gas & Electric Company, for authority to implement a distribution performance-based ratemaking mechanism

**Summary:** On March 23, 1999, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates ("ORA") initiated an ex parte meeting at CPUC with Commissioner Neeper and his advisor, David Gamson. Both oral and written communications were conveyed. ORA stated that although it favors a revenue index for SDG&E's PBR mechanism, it is concerned about the Alternative Decision ("AD") because it gives the company an incentive to increase electric sales in its service territory. ORA further stated the AD's figures on the stretch factor are not

supported by the evidence in the proceeding. The AD's provision which ends the gas fixed cost account on 12/31/99 instead of 4/30/99 would provide SDG&E a one time windfall, ORA added, and that it should end in April to ensure the balance in the account in as close to zero as possible.

#### Filer: Office of Ratepayer Advocates Contact: Jason Zeller

#### Phone: (415) 703-4673

**Summary:** On March 22, 1999, the City of San Diego ("City") through its agent, Richard H. Counihan of MRW & Associates, conducted oral ex parte communications at CPUC with Commission President Bilas and his advisor, Dorothy Duda. This occurred during a meeting initiated by the Natural Resources Defense Council ("NRDC"). Other parties represented at the meeting were the Office of Ratepayer Advocates ("ORA"), Sempra Energy, and UCAN. Mr. Counihan stated the City's position was contained in its opening brief and that no position was taken on the rate cap versus revenue per customer cap issue. He indicated the administrative law judge's proposed decision and Commission President Bilas' proposed alternate were close to the City's position.

#### Filer: City of San Diego Contact: Elaine Chiodi

#### Phone: (510) 834-1999

Summary: On March 22, 1999, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates ("ORA") conducted oral ex parte communications at CPUC with Commission President Bilas and his advisor, Dorothy Duda. This occurred during a meeting initiated by the Natural Resources Defense Council ("NRDC"). Other parties represented at the meeting were San Diego Gas & Electric, Sempra Energy, UCAN, and the City of San Diego. ORA stated that although it favors a revenue index for SDG&E's PBR mechanism, it is concerned about the Alternative Decision because it gives the company an incentive to increase electric sales in its service territory. ORA further stated a mechanism is needed to de-couple sales from corporate profits in order to ensure no such incentive exists. ORA told the PUC officials that the decision did not provide an evidentiary basis for lowering the stretch factor SDG&E would be held to for the PBR period. ORA further noted that adopting SDG&E's proposal to expand the "dead band" from 25 to 100 base points would permit a windfall to continue with no benefit inuring to ratepayers. It was stated that virtually all of the utility's earnings above authorized rate of return the past several years has been within 100 basis points of its authorized rate of return. ORA concluded by saying the gas fixed cost account should end in April instead of December because otherwise SDG&E would reap a large one time windfall.

## Filer: Office of Ratepayer Advocates Contact: Jason Zellar

Phone: (415) 703-4673

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Pacific Gas and Electric Company, for authorization to implement a plan of reorganization which will result in a holding company structure. **Summary:** On March 22, Sempra Energy ("Sempra") representatives initiated an ex parte meeting at CPUC with Commissioner Neeper and his advisor, David Gamson. Oral communications were conveyed. Sempra representatives in attendance were Ed Guiles, President of San Diego Gas & Electric ("SDG&E"), and Bill Reed, Lee Schavrien, and Kimberly Freeman. Mr. Reed stated that adoption of language currently in the proposed decision ("PD") could inhibit Sempra's ability to move forward with strategic and financial plans. He said uncertainties caused by the draft decision could send unnecessary signals into the market to negatively impact Sempra's market value. He concluded by stating the Commission should avoid policies preventing California companies from pursuing growth opportunities in out of state investments.

Filer: Sempra Energy Contact: Renee Le Camus

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