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REGULAR COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETINGS

May 13, 1999	10 am	San Francisco
May 27, 1999	10 am	San Francisco
June 10, 1999	10 am	San Francisco

REGULAR COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS

May 11, 1999	4 pm	San Francisco
May 18, 1999	4 pm	San Francisco
May 25, 1999	4 pm	San Francisco
June 1, 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.

May 10, 1999	1:30 pm	San Francisco
May 24, 1999	1:30 pm	San Francisco
June 7, 1999	1:30 pm	San Francisco

NOTICES

Delivery of Formal Pleadings for Filing

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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.

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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) 576-7055.

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Location</u>
5/18/99, 9 am - 12 pm	Josiah L. Neeper	State Office Building 320 West 4th Street, Suite 500 Los Angeles
5/20/99, 9 am - 12 pm	Josiah L. Neeper	State Office Building 1350 Front Street, Room 4006 San Diego
6/8/99, 10 am - 12 pm	Henry M. Duque	State Office Building 320 West 4th Street, Suite 500 Los Angeles

PUBLIC MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

Workshop Notice

May 5 - 6, 1999	California Public Utilities Commission
9:30 am	505 Van Ness Avenue
	Room 3204 (May 5)
May 6 workshop will be held only if	Training Room (May 6)
an additional day is necessary	San Francisco

Notice of workshop to address the implementation details associated with D.98-12-084, ordering GTEC to pay \$4.85 million over a three-year period, to be used for a Telecommunications Consumer Protection Fund.

Parties to this proceeding have been asked to send their proposals to James Simmons of the Telecommunications Division by April 15, 1999. The workshops will provide parties the opportunity to discuss suggested implementation plans to evolve the proposals into a common proposal which can then be presented to the Commission for adoption via resolution. For further information, contact James Simmons at 415-703-2883.

Workshop Notice

May 5, 1999	California Public Utilities Commission
10 am - 4 pm	505 Van Ness Avenue
	Room 4010
	San Francisco

The Energy Division staff will conduct a workshop to discuss the findings and recommendations of its report entitled: "Report on Energy Division's Review of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Transition Cost Balancing Account Expenses and its Compliance with Commission Decisions and the California Public Utilities Code," issued on April 23, 1999. Pursuant to the March 11, 1999, Joint Assigned Commissioner and Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Modifying Schedule for Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Ruling Paragraph 1.

The workshop is open to the public. For more information contact Mark Kent Bumgardner of the Energy Division. Phone: (415) 703-2887, or e-mail MBumgardner@CPUC.CA.Gov.

Public Meeting (TIME AND DATE CHANGE - REVISED AS OF 5/4/99)

May 5, 1999 - TIME CHANGE	Pacific Energy Center
10 am - 5 pm	851 Howard Street
	San Francisco
and	
May 6, 1999 - CANCELLED	

<u>Teleconference Information</u>: This meeting is accessible by teleconference. To call in, dial: 1-800-226-1024. After the prompt, enter the access code (566123) followed by the pound sign. Please contact Elizabeth Gunn, Board Coordinator, at (415) 703-1956, or by e-mail at egunn@cpuc.ca.gov with any questions regarding teleconferencing.

The California Board for Energy Efficiency (CBEE) will meet to discuss the following topics: Program Planning and Implementation for Program Year (PY) 1999; PY 2000/2001 Program Planning, Including the CBEE's May 10 Filing and Performance Incentives for Future Years; PY 1998 Annual Reports from the Utilities; Energy Division Workshop on Board Structure and Operating Procedures; Board Compensation; Board Operations; CBEE Annual Report; Market Assessment and Evaluation (MA&E), Including the Utility Advice Letter on 1999 MA&E; CBEE Work Plan and Schedule for 1999; Organizational Planning and Staffing; Phase 2 Process on Future Administration; Legislative Update; Reporting Requirements; Updates and Status Reports from Committees; 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 www.cbee.org.

Public Meeting

May 6, 1999	California Public Utilities Commission
10 am	505 Van Ness Avenue
	Hearing Room A
	San Francisco

The Energy Division will facilitate an informal session to assist the parties in understanding the Consumer Services Division's investigation of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's power outage which occurred on December 8, 1998. Dr. Chong Chiu of Performance Improvement International, Inc. and some of his key associates will be available to explain their report, *An Independent, Full Scope Root Cause Investigation of San Francisco December 8, 1998 Outage (Interim Report)*. Questions about the informal session may be directed to Kevin Coughlan at (415) 703-2408 or kpc@cpuc.ca.gov.

Public Meeting - Low Income Governing Board - (REVISED AS OF 4/29/99)

May 11, 1999	Pacific Energy Center
10 am - 4 pm	Green Room
	851 Howard Street
	San Francisco

The Board will meet to discuss the following topics: (1) public Comment; (2) report from the Chair; (3) approve and adopt meeting minutes; (4) deliberate and adopt recommendations on per diem issues and changes; (5) review and modify critical path schedule; (6) presentations by PG&E, So Cal Edison, So Cal Gas, and SDG&E on administrative costs, standardized reporting format, competitive bidding/expanded partnership, and AEAP proposals; (7) updates from the CPUC Energy Division, Office of Ratepayer Advocates, and Legal Division; (8) deliberate and approve action on proposed Commission orders; (9) deliberate and approve action on pending utility filings; (10) deliberate and approve action on ongoing Commission proceedings; and (11) deliberate and approve action on pending legislation; (13) deliberate, discuss and reconcile Board members' terms; (14) deliberate and discuss E-3601; (15) deliberate and discuss for action on comments and recommendations that will appear in the Energy Division's report based on the workshop; and (16) deliberate and discuss for archiving LIGB files.

An agenda for the meeting is being developed and can be obtained from the LIGB's website at www.ligb.org. This location is wheelchair accessible. The meeting is open to the public. For more information contact Charlene Treat at (510) 251-2888, extension 2090.

Public Meeting - Low Income Governing Board - (REVISED AS OF 4/29/99)

	Pacific Energy Center
9 am - 4 pm	Conference Room (Street Level)
	851 Howard Street
Note: Earlier start time than usual.	San Francisco

The Board will meet to discuss the following topics: (1) Public Comment; (2) Report from the Chair; (3) deliberate and adopt recommendations on the specific tasks the Energy Division RFP on technical and administrative services should specify; (4) update on the Energy Division workshop of April 12-13, 1999; (5) deliberate and adopt recommendations for Phase II; (6) update from Advisory Committee and ratification of new Advisory Committee members; (7) approve and adopt Board position regarding performance incentives (AEAP schedule); (8) updates from the CPUC Energy Division, Office of Ratepayer Advocates, and Legal Division; (9) deliberate and approve action on proposed Commission orders; (10) deliberate and approve action on pending utility filings; (11) deliberate and approve action on ongoing Commission proceedings; (12) deliberate and approve action on pending legislation; (13) deliberate, discuss and reconcile Board members' terms; (14) deliberate and discuss E-3601; (15) deliberate and discuss for action on comments and recommendations that will appear in the Energy Division's report based on the workshop; and (16) deliberate and discuss for archiving LIGB files.

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Public Meeting

May 12, 1999	California Public Utilities Commission
9:30 am - 3:30 pm	505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 3204
	San Francisco

The ULTS Marketing Board (ULTSMB) will hold its regular meeting to discuss the following: Review/Approve Meeting Minutes, Review/Approve Administrative Report and Action Items, Review/Approve ULTSMB Expenses for April 1999, Begin Discussion of Year 2000 Marketing Plan, Interim Marketing Program Update, Review ULTSMB Correspondences, PUC Report and Action Items, Review Previous Studies and Data, Announcements, Set Agenda Items for Future Discussion, Discuss/Approve Interim Marketing Program Contract, and Hear Public Comments. **Executive Session:** Review and Approve Market Research RFP.

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 or in person, and/or receive a full meeting packet, please notify the ULTS Trust Office at (510) 452-2757.

Public Meeting

May 13, 1999	Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program
10 am - 4 pm	1939 Harrison Street
	DDTP Conference Room, Suite 555
	Oakland

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 - California Board for Energy Efficiency

May 13, 1999	9240 E. Firestone Boulevard
10 am - 4 pm	Downy

<u>Teleconference Information</u>: This meeting is accessible by teleconference. To call in, dial: 1-800-226-1024. After the prompt, enter the access code (566123) followed by the pound sign. Please contact Elizabeth Gunn, Board Coordinator, at (415) 703-1956, or by e-mail at egunn@cpuc.ca.gov with any questions regarding teleconferencing.

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Public Meeting

May 17, 1999	California Public Utilities Commission
1:30 pm - 4 pm	505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 3204
	(Corner of Van Ness Avenue and McAllister Street)
	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 Expenses and Authorize Administrative Transfer, PUC Report and Action Items, Review/Acceptance of the Amervest Report and Recommendations, 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 Officer at (510) 452-2757.

Public Meeting - (REVISED AS OF 3/30/99)

May 21, 1999	Department of Rehabilitation
10 am - 4 pm	2000 Evergreen Street
	Feather River Room, 1st Floor
	Sacramento

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.

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NOTICE OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

(Pursuant to PU Code § 311(g))

NONE

NEW FILINGS		
4/13/99	A99-04-040	DSLnet Communications LLC, for registration as an interexchange carrier telephone corporation pursuant to the provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013 and D97-06-107
4/13/99	195-04-044	Petition #142 , DSLNET Communications, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide switched and dedicated facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunications services
5/3/99	195-04-044	Petition #141 , Com Express, Inc., for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to offer local exchange access and interexchange services

04/29/99

Energy 2147

PETITIONS FOR MODIFICATION AND APPLICATIONS FOR REHEARING

NONE

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

NONE

ADVICE LETTER FILINGS

To inquire about a filing, call the Energy Division (703-1093), Telecommunications Division (703-1889) or Water Division (703-2028).

To protest a filing, mail the original letter/telegram to the Chief of the appropriate division (i.e., "Chief, [Energy, Telecommunications or Water] Division"), to be received no later than 20 days after the date the Advice Letter was filed.

"Effective TBD" means that the date is to be determined by further Commission action. A date listed as "anticipated effective" may be subject to change. An Advice Letter Supplement is not a new filing, and there is no protest period unless indicated.

PACIFIC GAS & FLECTRIC COMPANY Revises Gas

04/29/99	Energy 2147	Rates for Schedules G-CSP and G-SUR (effective TBD)
04/29/99	Energy 2147G	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, Posts revised rates for Schedules G-CSP and G-SUR (effective TBD)
04/29/99	Telecom 1	ADVANTAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP, initial filing (effective TBD)
04/29/99	Telecom 1649	AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF CALIFORNIA, INC, propose to extend AT&T software defined network (SDN) & Virtual Telecom Network Services (VTNS) IntraLATA 0-10 Milage Band Promotion (effective TBD)
04/29/99	Telecom 1650	AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF CALIFORNIA, INC, extend AT&T Digital Link Deal of the Century Promotion (effective TBD)
04/29/99	Telecom 643	CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CO. OF CA., modify the ULTS Income Limitations (effective TBD)

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04/29/9	79 Telecom 43	CITIZENS TELECOMS. CO. OF GOLDEN STATE, modify ULTS Income Limitations (effective TBD)
04/29/9	79 Telecom 42	CITIZENS TELECOMS. CO. OF TUOLUMNE, modify ULTS Income Limitations (effective TBD)
04/29/9	99 Telecom 20110-A	PACIFIC BELL, Supplements A.L.No.20110, to add 3.4 Other Voice Based Information Service & adding Personal Assistant Product (effective TBD)
04/29/9	99 Telecom 20210	PACIFIC BELL, express contract for DDD, VPP & Calling Card service (effective TBD)
04/29/9	99 Telecom 20211	PACIFIC BELL, customer specific contract for Centrex service (effective TBD)
04/29/9	99 Telecom 20212	PACIFIC BELL, express contract for ADN, HICAP & FRS service (effective TBD)
04/30/9	99 Energy 2804	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, Retail and wholesale core subcription procurement and reservation charges for May 1999. (anticipated effective 05/01/99)
04/30/9	99 Energy 2805	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, Core monthly pricing revision per D.98-07-068 and D.96-08-037. (anticipated effective 05/01/99)
04/30/9	79 Telecom 1651	AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF CALIFORNIA, INC, introduce seperate intraLATA schedules & reduce rate for Green Sense, Electronic Calling, Personal Network Green Option & Green Sense II promotion (effective TBD)
04/30/9	79 Telecom 1652	AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF CALIFORNIA, INC, introduce ACC Business Service (effective TBD)
04/30/9	79 Telecom 9028	GTE CALIFORNIA INCORPORATED, gov't contract (effective TBD)
04/30/9	99 Telecom 9029	GTE CALIFORNIA INCORPORATED, gov't contract (effective TBD)
04/30/9	99 Telecom 9031	GTE CALIFORNIA INCORPORATED, ICB Contract (effective TBD)

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	04/30/99	Telecom 9032	GTE CALIFORNIA INCORPORATED, ICB contract (effective TBD)
	04/30/99	Telecom 9033	GTE CALIFORNIA INCORPORATED, ICB Contract (effective TBD)
	04/30/99	Telecom 9034	GTE CALIFORNIA INCORPORATED, gov't contract (effective TBD)
	04/30/99	Telecom 9035	GTE CALIFORNIA INCORPORATED, ICB Contract (effective TBD)
	04/30/99	Telecom 370	MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, increase rates for MCI One Number under Option AC (effective TBD)
	04/30/99	Telecom 44	MEDIAONE TELECOMMS OF CALIF, INC., expansion of facilities - based service (effective TBD)
	04/30/99	Telecom 79	NEXTLINK OF CALIFORNIA, INC., new basic access charges, deletion of some NRC's and rate changes (effective TBD)
	04/30/99	Telecom 20085-B	PACIFIC BELL, Supplements A.L.No.20085, new service (effective TBD)
	04/30/99	Telecom 20191-B	PACIFIC BELL, Supplements A.L.No.20191, Promotional Offer - VPP Summary Bill Savings Sensation (effective TBD)
	04/30/99	Telecom 20192-B	PACIFIC BELL, Supplements A.L.No.20192, Promotional Offer - VPP Single Location Savings Sensation (effective TBD)
	04/30/99	Telecom 20213	PACIFIC BELL, introduce miscellaneous exchange services - rename G15 (effective TBD)
	04/30/99	Telecom 20214	PACIFIC BELL, modification of a gov't contract for Centrex service (effective TBD)
	04/30/99	Telecom 20215	PACIFIC BELL, customer specific contract for DDD, VPP, Calling Card & Zone 3 service (effective TBD)
	04/30/99	Telecom 20216	PACIFIC BELL, Advice Letter for SNDGCA15 Inspection tour (effective TBD)

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04/30/99	Telecom 20217	PACIFIC BELL, IntraLATA Presubscription (effective TBD)
04/30/99	Telecom 9030	PACIFIC BELL, gov't contract (effective TBD)
04/30/99	Telecom 38	VARTEC TELECOM INC., new service (effective TBD)
04/30/99	Telecom 15	WINSTAR WIRELESS INC. OF CALIFORNIA, dialing parity plan (effective TBD)
05/03/99	Energy 1869E	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, Wave 2 Adjustment Account. (effective TBD)
05/03/99	Energy 2149G 1868E	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, Updated service provider list. (anticipated effective 06/09/99)
05/03/99	Telecom 15	ECONOMY TELEPHONE, INC., new plan - 5 cents a minute (effective TBD)
05/03/99	Telecom 20218	PACIFIC BELL, customer specific contract for ADN & FRS service (effective TBD)
05/03/99	Telecom 20219	PACIFIC BELL, customer specific contract for Centrex service (effective TBD)
05/03/99	Telecom 20220	PACIFIC BELL, customer specific contract for ADN, HICAP, FRS, Super Trunk, DS3 & PRI service (effective TBD)
05/03/99	Telecom 20221	PACIFIC BELL, express contract for ATM & DS3 service (effective TBD)
05/03/99	Telecom 20222	PACIFIC BELL, ULTS Annual Income Level Filing (effective TBD)
05/03/99	Water 21	CONLIN STRAWBERRY WATER CO., INC., Interim general rate increase pursuant to Resolution W-4144, dated April 22, 1999. (anticipated effective 05/08/99)

ADVICE LETTER PROTESTS

To inquire about a protest, call the Energy Division (703-1093), Telecommunications Division (703-1889) or Water Division (703-2028). To obtain a copy of the protest, please direct your request to the protestor.

05/03/99	Energy 1371-E	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, Experimental voluntary energy curtailment program. Late filed protest by California Energy Commission.
05/03/99	Telecom 369	MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, revise & increase rates for MCI Max Security Collect Late filed protest by Sam Osi.

MISCELLANEOUS TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

May 5, 1999

Filings with Rail Safety and Carriers Division

04/30/99	TCP 4218-B-B	C L S Transportation Inc., 6341 Arizona Circle, Los
		Angeles, California 90045; Telephone: (310) 342-
		0555; Terminal Address: Same; Application filed for
		new Class B authority

MISCELLANEOUS TELECOMMUNICATION MATTERS

May 5, 1999

NONE

ADJOURNMENTS * RESETTINGS * SUBMISSIONS

A99-02-032 Malcolm - Southwest Gas Corporation and Oneok,
Inc. for authorization to implement the agreement and
plan of merger dated December 14, 1998,
Prehearing Conference held and concluded

A99-01-016	Malcolm - Pacific Gas and Electric Company for authority to establish post-transition period electric ratemaking mechanisms,
A99-01-019	Malcolm - San Diego Gas & Electric Company for authority to implement post rate freeze ratemaking mechanisms,
A99-01-034	Malcolm - 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,
A99-02-029	Malcolm - 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, Evidentiary Hearing set at 10:00 a.m., May 10, reset at 1:30 p.m.

REMOVALS FROM CALENDAR

NONE

NEW SETTINGS		
5/14/99	10:00 a.m.	(DISCOVERY CONFERENCE) - Application of
ALJ Biren	A.99-04-010	Western Gas Resources - California, Inc. for a
Comr Bilas		Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to provide
		public utility gas transmission and distribution services
		through the use of certain existing facilities and to
		construct additional interconnection facilities,
	C.99-04-004	(DISCOVERY CONFERENCE) - Western Gas
		Resources - California, Inc. vs. Pacific Gas and
		Electric Company,
		Commission Courtroom, San Francisco

5/17/99 ALJ O'Donnell Comr Neeper	10:00 a.m. A.99-03-025	(PHC) - In the matter of the application of Roseville Telephone Company (U 1015 C) to review its new regulatory framework, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
5/19/99 ALJ O'Donnell Comr Neeper	10:00 a.m. A.99-03-027	(PHC) - In the matter of the application of Citizens Telecommunications Company of California, Inc. (U-1024-C) to review its new regulatory framework, Department of Education Building, Room 288, 560 "J" Street, Sacramento

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

4/20/99	9:30 a.m.	NONE SCHEDULED
4/30/99	9:30 a.m.	CONCLUDED
5/4/99	9:30 a.m.	NONE SCHEDULED

FINAL ORAL ARGUMENTS

5/10/99 ALJ Malcolm Comr Bilas	10:00 a.m. A.98-07-006	(FOA) - In the Matter of the revenue adjustment proceeding (RAP) application of San Diego Gas and Electric Company (U 902-E) for approval of 1) Consolidated changes in 1999 authorized revenue and revised rate components; 2) the CTC rate component and associated headroom calculations;
	A.98-07-003	3) RGTCOMA balances; 4) PX credit computations; 5) disposition of various balancing/memorandum accounts; and 6) electric revenue allocation and rate design changes, (FOA) - Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for verification, consolidation and approval of costs and revenues in the transition revenue account,

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	A.98-07-026	(FOA) - Application of Southern California Edison Company (U-388-E) to: 1) consolidate authorized rates and revenue requirements; 2) verify residual competition transition charge revenues; 3) review and dispose of amounts in various balancing and memorandum accounts; 4) verify regulatory balances transferred to the transition cost balancing account on January 1, 1998; and 5) propose rate recovery for Santa Catalina Island diesel fuel costs, Commission Auditorium, San Francisco
5/11/99 ALJ Kenney Comr Neeper	1:00 p.m. R.98-09-005	(FOA) - Order instituting rulemaking on the Commission's own motion to consider modifications to the universal lifeline telephone service program and general order 153, Commission Auditorium, San Francisco

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.

Compounds, Perchlorate, MTBEs, and whether those standards and policies are being unifornly complied

(PHC) = Prehearing Conference (EH) = Evidentiary Hearing (PPH) = Public Participation Hearing (IAM) = Initial Arbitration Meeting (M) = Mediation		(WS) = Workshop aring (FPH) = Full Panel Hearing
5/5/99 ALJ Pulsifer Comr Duque	1:30 p.m. A.99-03-047	(IAM) - In the matter of the petition of Pacific Bell for arbitration of an interconnection agreement with MFS/Worldcom pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Commission Room 5012, San Francisco
5/10/99 ALJ Bennett Comr Duque	10:00 a.m. I.98-03-013	(OA) - Investigation on the Commission's own motion into whether existing standards and policies of the Commission regarding drinking water quality adequately protect the public health and safety with respect to contaminants such as Volatile Organic

		with by Commission regulated utilities, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
5/10/99 ALJ Malcolm ALJ Minkin	1:30 p.m. A.99-01-016	(EH) - Pacific Gas and Electric Company for authority to establish post-transition period electric ratemaking mechanisms,
Comr Duque	A.99-01-019	(EH) - San Diego Gas & Electric Company for authority to implement post rate freeze ratemaking mechanisms,
	A.99-01-034	(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,
	A.99-02-029	(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, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also May 11-14, 9:00 a.m.)
5/10/99 ALJ Biren Comr Bilas	11:00 a.m. A.99-03-020	(PHC) - Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for approval of further guidelines for evaluation and reporting requirements on the distribution performance based ratemaking (PBR) mechanism, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
5/10/99 ALJ Weiss Comr Duque	1:00 p.m. A.98-07-046	(EH) - Application of Sereno Del Mar Water Company doing business as Sereno Del Mar Water Company to sell and Russian River Utility, a California Corporation to buy the water system in Sonoma County, Santa Rosa State Building, Room 410-B, Santa Rosa
5/10/99 ALJ Ryerson Comr Bilas	1:30 p.m. A.99-03-003	(PHC) - Application of the City of Richmond for an order granting a variance to General Order No. 135 to further limit the time permitted for blocking the public streets with crossings at Richmond Avenue and

		Marina Bay Parkway in the City of Richmond, Contra Costa County, California, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
5/11/99 ALJ DeUlloa Comr Bilas	10:00 a.m. A.99-02-012	(PHC) - Application of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District for authority to institute revenue passenger service utilizing the advanced automatic train control system for safety-critical motion control, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
5/12/99 ALJ Vieth Comr Duque	9:30 a.m. A.99-02-003	(EH) - 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
5/12/99 ALJ Malcolm Comr Bilas	10:00 a.m. A.99-03-014	(PHC) - Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to revise its electrical marginal costs, revenue allocation and rates at the end of the rate freeze, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
5/12/99 ALJ Vieth Comr Duque	1:30 p.m. A.99-02-005	(EH) - 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
5/14/99 ALJ Biren Comr Bilas	10:00 a.m. A.99-04-010 C.99-04-004	(DISCOVERY CONFERENCE) - Application of Western Gas Resources - California, Inc. for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to provide public utility gas transmission and distribution services through the use of certain existing facilities and to construct additional interconnection facilities, (DISCOVERY CONFERENCE) - Western Gas Resources - California, Inc. vs. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco

5/17/99 ALJ Econome Comr Bilas	10:00 a.m. A.98-11-012	(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)
5/17/99 ALJ O'Donnell Comr Neeper	10:00 a.m. A.99-03-025	(PHC) - In the matter of the application of Roseville Telephone Company (U 1015 C) to review its new regulatory framework, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
5/17/99 ALJ Hale Comr Duque	1:30 p.m. A.99-03-039	(PHC) - Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to consolidate the review of PG&E's expenditures in 1997 and 1998 to enhance transmission and distribution system safety and reliability pursuant to Section 368(e) of the California Public Utilities Code (U 39 E), Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
5/19/99 ALJ Walker Comr Duque	10:00 a.m. C.97-09-054	(EH) - Robert W. Merwin vs. Citizens Communications, Jean Harvie Community Center, 14273 River Road, Walnut Grove
5/19/99 ALJ O'Donnell Comr Neeper	10:00 a.m. A.99-03-027	(PHC) - In the matter of the application of Citizens Telecommunications Company of California, Inc. (U-1024-C) to review its new regulatory framework, Department of Education Building, Room 288, 560 "J" Street, Sacramento
5/24/99 ALJ Galvin Comr Duque	10:00 a.m. A.98-07-020 A.98-07-029	(EH) - In the Matter of the Application of Pacific Bell a corporation, for Authority to Categorize Centrex as a Category III Service, (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, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also May 25-28, June 1-4)
5/24/99 ALJ Vieth Comr Bilas	10:00 a.m. A.99-01-006	(EH) - In the matter of the application of Maria Avelar Wosick and Timothy Allen Wosick, dba Bottom Line Results Moving for a household goods carrier permit, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also May 25-26)

5/26/99 ALJ Bytof Comr Bilas	10:00 a.m. A.97-10-024	(PHC) - Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for authority to recover capital additions to its fossil generating facilities made between January 1, 1996 and December 31, 1996 and related substantive and procedural relief, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
6/1/99 ALJ Wong Comr Duque	10:00 a.m. R.98-12-015	(FPH) - Order instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's own motion to solicit comments and proposals on distributed generation and competition in electric distribution service, Commission Auditorium, San Francisco
6/2/99 ALJ Malcolm Comr Neeper	2:00 p.m. R.96-11-004	(PHC) - Order instituting rulemaking for electric distribution facility standard setting, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
6/3/99 ALJ Vieth Comr Neeper	10:00 a.m. C.99-03-016	(PHC) - Marcella Beagle vs. Pacific Bell, for improper billing practices, Commission Courtroom, Los Angeles
6/4/99 ALJ Malcolm ALJ Minkin Comr Duque	10:00 a.m. A.99-01-016 A.99-01-019 A.99-01-034 A.99-02-029	(EH) - Pacific Gas and Electric Company for authority to establish post-transition period electric ratemaking mechanisms, (EH) - San Diego and Electric Company for authority to implement post rate freeze ratemaking mechanism, (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 period, (EH) - Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company: (1) informing the Commission of the probable timing of the end of its 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 new, and revising or terminating existing, rate and revenue mechanisms and rate designs, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
6/7/99 ALJ Mattson Comr Neeper	10:00 a.m. A.98-12-005	(EH) - 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, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also June 8-11, June 14-18, June 21-25)
6/8/99 ALJ Biren Comr Bilas	10:00 a.m. A.99-04-010	(PHC) - Application of Western Gas Resources - California, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide public utility gas transmission and distribution services through the use of certain existing facilities and to construct additional interconnection facilities,
	C.99-04-004	(PHC) - Western Gas Resources-California, Inc., vs. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
6/9/99 ALJ Bennett Comr Bilas	1:00 p.m. A.99-04-021	(EH) – Commission Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's own motion into the operations and practices of Aijaz Ali Khan and Clara Ines Martinez dba People's Electric Supply Company, ESP # 1222 Stockton State Building Auditorium 31 East Channel Street, Stockton
6/11/99 ALJ Bytof Comr Duque	10:00 a.m. A.99-03-049	(PHC) - Application of Southern California Gas Company (U 904 G) under the catastrophic event memorandum account (CEMA) for recovery of costs related to the El Nino storms, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
6/14/99 ALJ Barnett Comr Conlon Comr Bilas	10:00 a.m. A.97-12-039	(EH) - San Diego Gas & Electric Company for authority to sell electrical generation facilities and power contracts, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also June 15-18)
6/14/99 ALJ Minkin Comr Duque Comr Conlon	10:00 a.m. A.98-09-003	(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),
Com Comon	A.98-09-008 A.98-09-009	(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- 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
6/28/99 ALJ Barnett Comr Neeper	10:00 a.m. A.98-05-053	(EH) - 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 June 29-30)
6/28/99 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, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco (also June 29-July 2)
6/30/99 ALJ DeUlloa Comr Neeper	9:30 a.m. C.98-11-027	(EH) - Reuben and Blanche Bercovitch vs. San Diego Gas & Electric Company and Sempra Energy, for cutting out electric poles to complainants' property, Kearny Mesa Lab Conference Room, 7177 Opportunity Road, San Diego
7/6/99 ALJ Mattson Comr Neeper	10:00 a.m. A.98-12-005	(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, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also (EH) July 12-16, July 19-23, July 26-30, 10:00 a.m.)
7/13/99 ALJ Walker Comr Duque	10:00 a.m. A.98-12-028	(EH) - 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, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also July 14-16)

7/13/99 ALJ DeUlloa Comr Duque	7:00-10:00 p.m. A.99-01-037	(PPH) - Application of Mountain Utilities (U 906-E) for authority, among other things, to more precisely define its revenue requirement and increase rates and charges for electric service, Commission Auditorium, San Francisco, (also (PPH) July 17, City Council Chambers, City of South Lake Tahoe, 1052 Tata Lane, South Lake Tahoe, 2:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.)
7/19/99 ALJ Vieth Comr Neeper	10:00 a.m. C.99-01-039	(EH) - The Greenlining Institute and Latino Issues Forum vs. Pacific Bell for undisclosed untariffed charges for voicemail services, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also July 20-21)
7/26/99 ALJ Barnett Comr Bilas	10:00 a.m. A.97-12-039	(EH) - In the matter of the application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U 902-E) for authority to sell electrical generation facilities and power contracts, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also July 27-30)
7/26/99 ALJ Weiss Comr Duque	10:00 a.m. A.98-11-003	(EH) - 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,
	A.98-11-015	(EH) - 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, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco
8/9/99 ALJ DeUlloa Comr Duque	10:00 a.m. A.99-01-037	(EH) - Application of Mountain Utilities (U 906-E) for authority, among other things, to more precisely define its revenue requirement and increase rates and charges for electric charges, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also August 10-13)
8/9/99 ALJ Barnett Comr Duque	2:00 p.m. A.98-11-023	(EH) - Pacific Gas and Electric Company to establish performance-based ratemaking for electric and gas utility distribution service effective January 1, 2000,

Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also
August 10-13, 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)

8/23/99	10:00 a.m.
ALJ Weiss	A.98-11-03
Comr Duque	

(EH) - In the matter of the application of 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,

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(EH) - In the matter of the application of 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, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also August 24-27)

8/23/99	10:00 a.m.
ALJ Malcolm	A.99-01-016
ALJ Minkin	
Comr Duque	A.99-01-019

(EH) - Pacific Gas and Electric Company for authority to establish post-transition period electric ratemaking mechanisms,

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(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,

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(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,

Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also August 24-27, August 30-September 3, 9:00 a.m.)

8/31/99 ALJ Malcolm Comr Duque	10:00 a.m. A.99-01-011	(PHC) - Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to recover costs recorded in the catastrophic event memorandum account (CEMA) effective January 1, 2000 (U 39 M), Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also (EH) September 8-10, September 13-15, 10:00 a.m.)
8/31/99 ALJ Barnett Comr Duque	2:00 p.m. A.98-11-023	(PHC) - Pacific Gas and Electric Company to establish performance-based ratemaking for electric and gas utility distribution service effective January 1, 2000, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also (EH) September 8, 2:00 p.m.)
9/7/99 ALJ Minkin Comr Duque Comr Conlon	10:00 a.m. A.98-08-003 A.98-09-008	(EH) - Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for review and recovery of the costs and revenues in the transition cost balancing account, (EH) - 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, (EH) - Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company in the annual transition cost proceeding regarding the transition cost balancing account, Commission Courtroom, San Francisco, (also September 8-10, 9:00 a.m.)

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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5/3/99	A98-05-004	Pacific Gas and Electric Company, to establish the eligibility and seek recovery of certain electric industry restructuring implementation costs as provided for in Public Utilities Code Section 376,
	A98-05-006 A98-05-015	San Diego Gas & Electric Company, for (1) a determination of eligibility for recovery under Public Utilities Code section 376 of certain cost categories and activities, (2) a finding of reasonableness of the costs incurred through 12/31/97, (3) approval of an audit methodology for verifying the eligibility of section 376 costs for recovery from 1998 through 2001, and (4) approval of a section 376 balancing account mechanism to recover eligible costs, and Southern California Edison Company, to address
		restructuring implementation costs pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 376, in compliance with Ordering Paragraph 18 of D97-11-074.

Summary: On April 27, 1999 Southern California Edison Co. ("SCE") initiated an ex parte meeting at CPUC with staff of Commission President Bilas. The sole SCE representative was John P. Hughes, and he was joined by the Office of Ratepayer Advocates' ("ORA") representatives Gil Infante and Steve Linsey. The Notice of Ex Parte Communications indicated the filing was a joint filing by both SCE and ORA. President Bilas' staff members receiving the oral and written ex parte communications were Dorothy Duda and Julie Halligan. The subject of the meeting was the proposed decision ("PD") by Administrative Law Judge Minkin. Mr. Hughes said the PD on pp. 53-54 erred in concluding that expensing capital costs "is consistent with both tax and accounting practices and guidelines." Mr. Hughes explained why SCE thought that incorrect. He said SCE could be subject to a severe IRS penalty if the utility violated the normalization requirements of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") in that manner. He then discussed the difference between IRS treatment of internally developed software costs and externally developed software costs. Mr. Infante of ORA then discussed possible normalization violations that could occur if computer hardware costs were not normalized per IRC § 168.

Mr. Infante, after citing certain distinctions between expensing and depreciation, proposed SCE be permitted to create a memorandum account to tract the timing differences which would occur if the Commission decided to proceed with the one year write-off of computer hardware for ratemaking. He said SCE must avoid a normalization violation at all costs. The written ex parte communications consisted of excerpted pages from the PD and SCE's comments thereon.

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