
About the Public Utilities Commission

How to Follow Regulatory activities

The programs adopted by the California Energy Commission (CEC), the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) have a tremendous impact how whether Californians have clean energy sources. This page from the CEC describes the roles for each agency.
http://www.energy.ca.gov/distgen/policy/regulatory_activity.html

CPUC

The CPUC is a quasi-judicial agency - and it uses legal jargon to describe its activities. To officially participate in a CPUC proceeding participants must file to become an "intervenor." There are specific rules and formats for intervenors to file comments and to participate in a proceeding. Most intervenors require a lawyer's service to effectively participate in a proceeding, and in some cases intervenors who represent the public interest can be reimbursed by the CPUC for their expenses.

Anyone who wants to follow a proceeding but not become an official intervenor can request to join a "service list" for the proceeding. Requests to join the service list may be emailed to the Process Office at process_office@cpuc.ca.gov. Include the proceeding number, and all of your contact information in the email. Once on the service list you should receive all relevant emails and decisions related to that proceeding.

The public has 30 days to comment on proposed decisions before they are formally adopted. After the main comment period intervenors have seven days to submit reply comments, before a final proposed decision is made.

Here are some starting places for how to track and participate in agency deliberations:

Rules and procedures

Consumer's Guide to the CPUC: http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/word_pdf/REPORT/42839.pdf

Guide to participating in Commission Meetings:

http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/aboutcpuc/docs_etc/mtgguide/index.htm

CPUC FAQ website: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/cfaqs/>

Consumer Information Line 800-649-7570

San Francisco CPUC office - General Information Line 415-703-2782

Email Subscription to Daily Calendar, Commission Meeting Agenda, and Draft Agenda Items -Contact: Poly Arca at the CPUC, Phone: (415) 703-1798 Email: pol@cpuc.ca.gov.