Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association

SCTCA

TRIBAL ENERGY & CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE

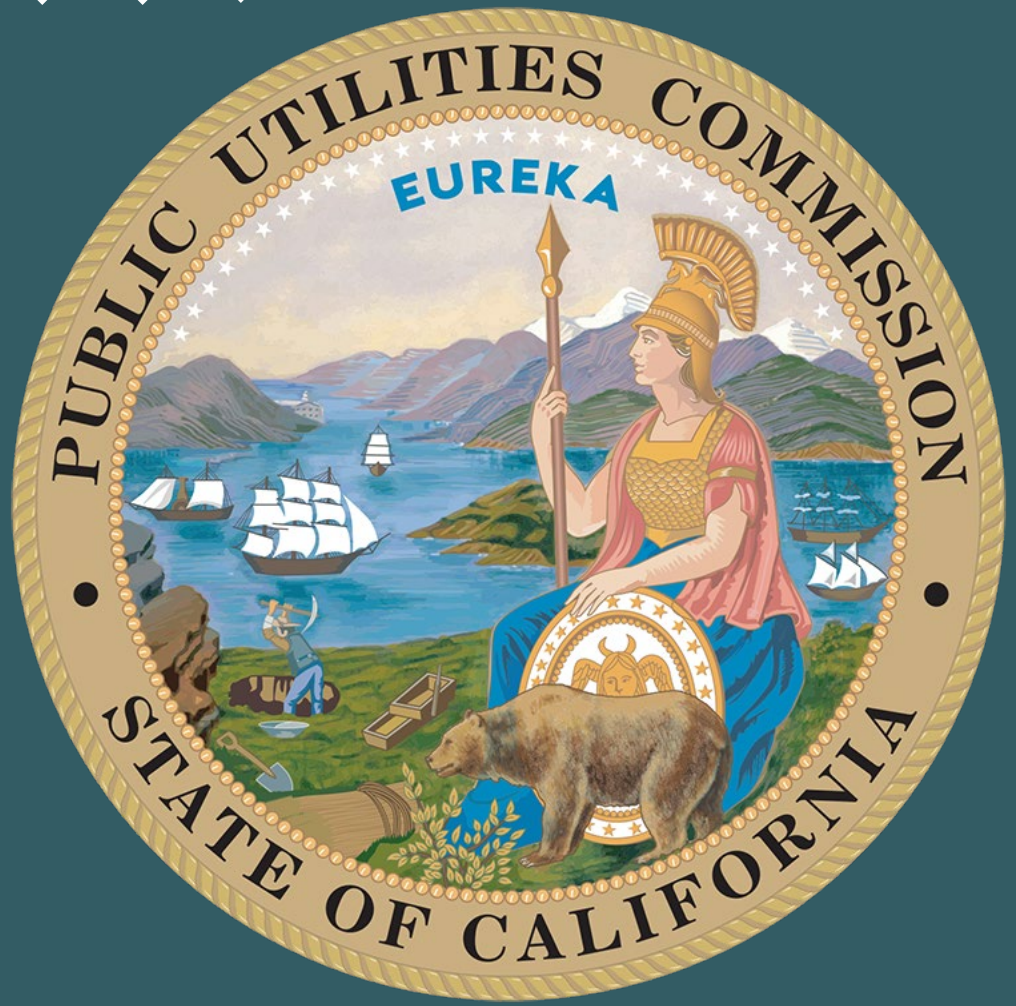
Advancing Tribes' Interests at the CPUC Webinar Training Series

June 18, 2025

BEGIN MEETING RECORDING

Webinar Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions, Overview
- CPUC Topics and Issues of Interest to Tribes
- CPUC Data Working Group, DER Data Issues for Tribes
- Deep Dive: Tribal Order Instituting Rulemaking (R.22-02-002)
- Obtaining Party Status: A Step-by-Step Walkthrough
- Next Steps and Closing



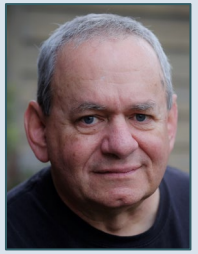
Program Funding

- This work was supported with grants from the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) **Equity and Access grant program.**
- The California Legislature recognizes that some California communities face systematic underinvestment, higher pollution burdens, and higher barriers to clean, safe, and affordable utility and transportation services. To address these challenges, it allocated $30 million dollars to the CPUC to establish the E&A Grant Program that empowers members of Environmental and Social Justice communities to participate in CPUC proceedings and decision-making processes.
- The Equity, Engagement, and Education (EEE) Grant Account awards grants up to $200,000 for the purposes of building CBO, Tribal, and community capacity to understand and engage with CPUC decision- making processes. The EEE Grant Account will increase participation within CPUC decision-making and build the long-term capacity of Tribes and CBOs to make participation in the Intervenor Compensation program and other funding sources more accessible. This will enable CBOs and Tribes to have more influence over clean energy programs and support making these programs more accessible to their served communities.

Introductions

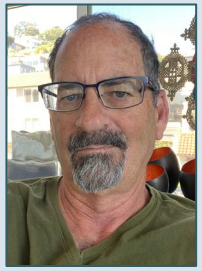
Josh Simmons

- Co-Director, Tribal Energy and Climate Collaborative, a program of the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association
- Founder, President, and Principal Consultant, Prosper Sustainably
- J.D., University of San Diego School of Law; MESM, UCSB Bren School of Env. Science & Mgmt.



Peter Allen

- Former CPUC Attorney and Administrative Law Judge (22 yrs)
- Litigated at CPUC on behalf of TURN (consumer advocate) and City of San Diego
- J.D. (cum laude), University of San Diego School of Law



Steven Moss

- Partner at M.Cubed, Economic, Policy, and Regulatory Consulting Firm
- Engaged in CPUC proceeding and other energy and regulatory forums (30+ years)
- Assisted multiple Native Tribes to secure compensation for water rights, treaty violations

ATTENDEES: Please introduce yourself in the chat

Introductions

Samantha Smithies

- Project Coordinator, CA Center for Sustainable Communities at UCLA. Primary point of contact with CPUC for facilitation of the Data Working Group, ensuring meaningful partner engagement and alignment with the state's energy goals.

Alec Fleischer

- Regulatory Consultant at M.Cubed, Economic, Policy, and Regulatory Consulting Firm

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TECC: Tribal Energy & Climate Collaborative

Policy & Regulatory Advocacy

CPUC EEE grantees:
SCTCA, Barona, San Pasqual

Co-Directors
Matt Rantanen (SCTCA/TECC); Sheilla Alvarez (Barona); John Flores (San Pasqual); Josh Simmons (TECC)

Capacity Building & Technical Assistance (TA)

Economic and Workforce Development

Identify and advance climate, energy, and related economic and workforce development goals of SCTCA Tribes

Key Topics and Issues

- What CPUC or IOU related issues are affecting your Tribe now?
- What proceedings or topics are of interest?
  - Share with group
  - Add to Zoom chat
  - Enter into this working document
  - Email coordinator@socaltecc.org

CPUC R. 22-11-013
Data Working Group

R.22-11-013 - *Rulemaking to Consider Distributed Energy Resource Program Cost-Effectiveness Issues, Data Access and Use, and Equipment Performance Standards*

Assigned Commissioner: Darcie L. Houck

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California Public Utilities Commission

UCLA California Center for Sustainable Communities

LARC Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability

Overview of the Data Access & Cost Effectiveness Proceeding (R.22-11-013) – Phase 1

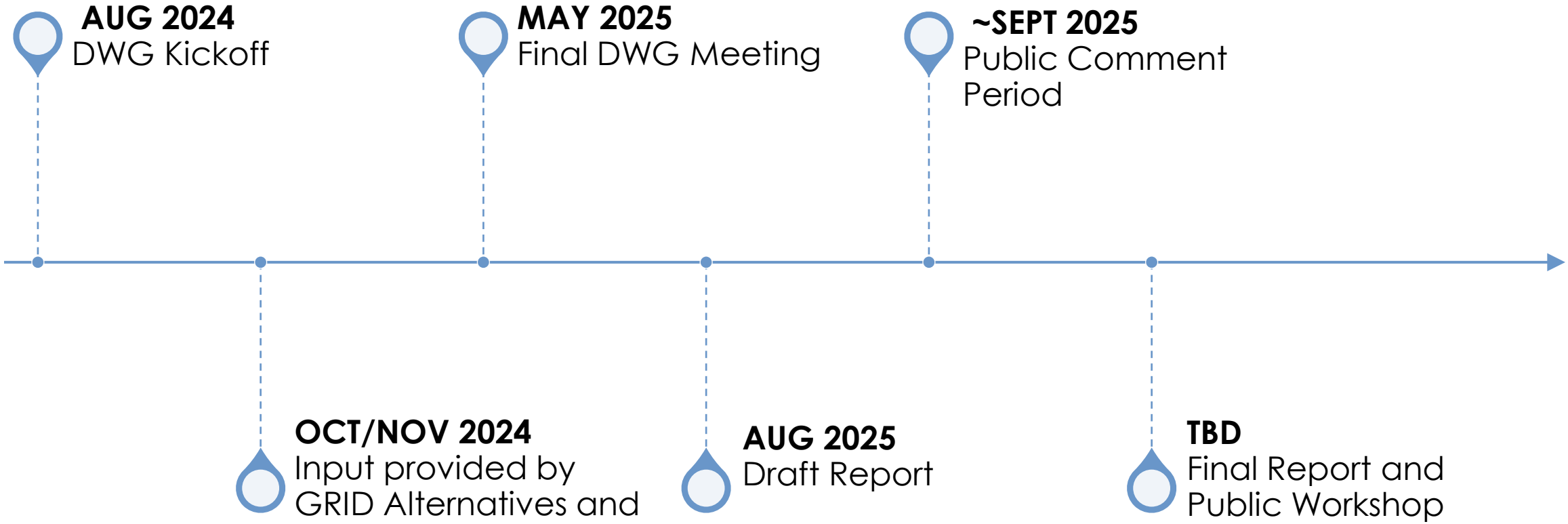
Two Tracks:

- **Track 1: Cost-effectiveness Rules**

- **Track 2: Data Access for DERs**
  - Examines the rules and requirements to improve data access to facilitate adoption, evaluation, and utilization of DERs by customers and other entities and to improve DER integration with the grid.

--> *Data Working Group*

Data Working Group Timeline



Final report will be docketed to the CPUC proceeding.

CPUC Proceedings Implicated

- **High DER Proceeding (R.21-06-017):** Sets policies to ready the electric distribution grid for increased building and transportation electrification
  - IN SCOPE DATA ELEMENTS: IOU distribution grid data portals, including Integration Capacity Analysis data
- **Demand Flexibility Proceeding (R.22-07-005):** Sets policies to enhance Demand Flexibility via wide adoption of dynamic rates.
  - IN SCOPE DATA ELEMENTS: Preventing dual enrollment in demand response programs
- **Long-term Gas Planning Proceeding (R.20-01-007):** Sets policies to guide gas system planning and investments in light of state goals
  - IN SCOPE DATA ELEMENTS: Gas infrastructure data

Other CPUC Proceedings Implicated

- **Building Decarbonization (R.19-01-011):** Sets policies and programs to fast-track building decarbonization
- **Other DER Programs and Proceedings**: Transportation Electrification, Self-Generation Incentive Program, Energy Efficiency, Demand Response, Building Electrification…

Opportunity Today

- How can CPUC improve your data access to facilitate adoption, evaluation, and utilization of DERs and to improve DER integration with the grid?
- What data access barriers are you facing?

Thank You

CONTACT US

To contact the UCLA facilitation team, please email cpuc-dwg@ioes.ucla.edu.

UCLA California Center for Sustainable Communities

LARC

California Public Utilities Commission

Deep Dive into Tribal Order Instituting Rulemaking (Tribal OIR): R.22-02-002

- Tribal OIR adopted on 2/10/22 in accordance with E-5076, covering:
  - Tribal Land Transfer Policy
  - Tribal Consultation Policy
  - Mechanisms and processes to build Tribal capacity and increase participation in proceedings and programs
  - Other relevant issues
- Go to R.22-02-002 docket and follow along

CPUC Tribal OIR Journey

Tribal parties/commentors

- Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria
- Habematolel Pomo Indians of Upper Lake
- Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
- Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California
- Mono Lake Kootzaduka'a Tribe
- Northern Chumash Tribal Council
- Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians
- Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA)
- Yurok Tribe
- Your Tribe???

Becoming a Party to CPUC Proceedings

Alec Fleischer, M.Cubed

Why Become a Party?

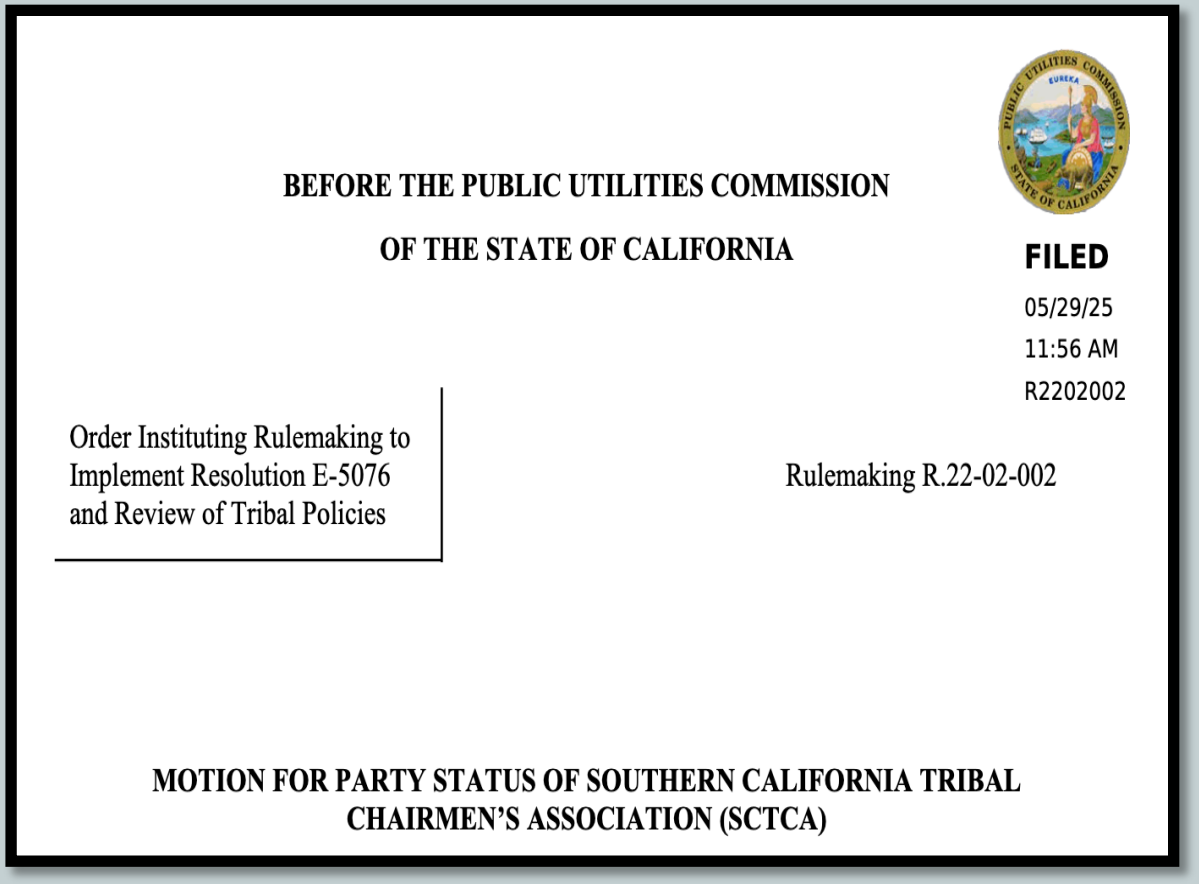
Your voice can be heard, and proposals considered, at CPUC proceedings!

- Party Status: service list, full participation, submit testimony, court reprisal, involved process
  - Example: Your Tribe has issues associated with utility right of way process and wants to engage in the Tribal Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR) proceeding to recommend changes.

- Subscriber: information only, easy sign-up
  - Example: Your Tribe feels disproportionately impacted by Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) and wants to monitor regulatory status or relevant proceedings, but you're not yet ready to directly intervene.

How to Become a Party?

- No Additional Work
  - Filing an application, petition, or complaint (opening a case)
  - Comments in response to a rulemaking, ask for party status (specific time window)
  - Participate in prehearing conference or hearing, ask for party status (specific opportunities)
- Additional Work
  - Motion for party status (almost anytime)



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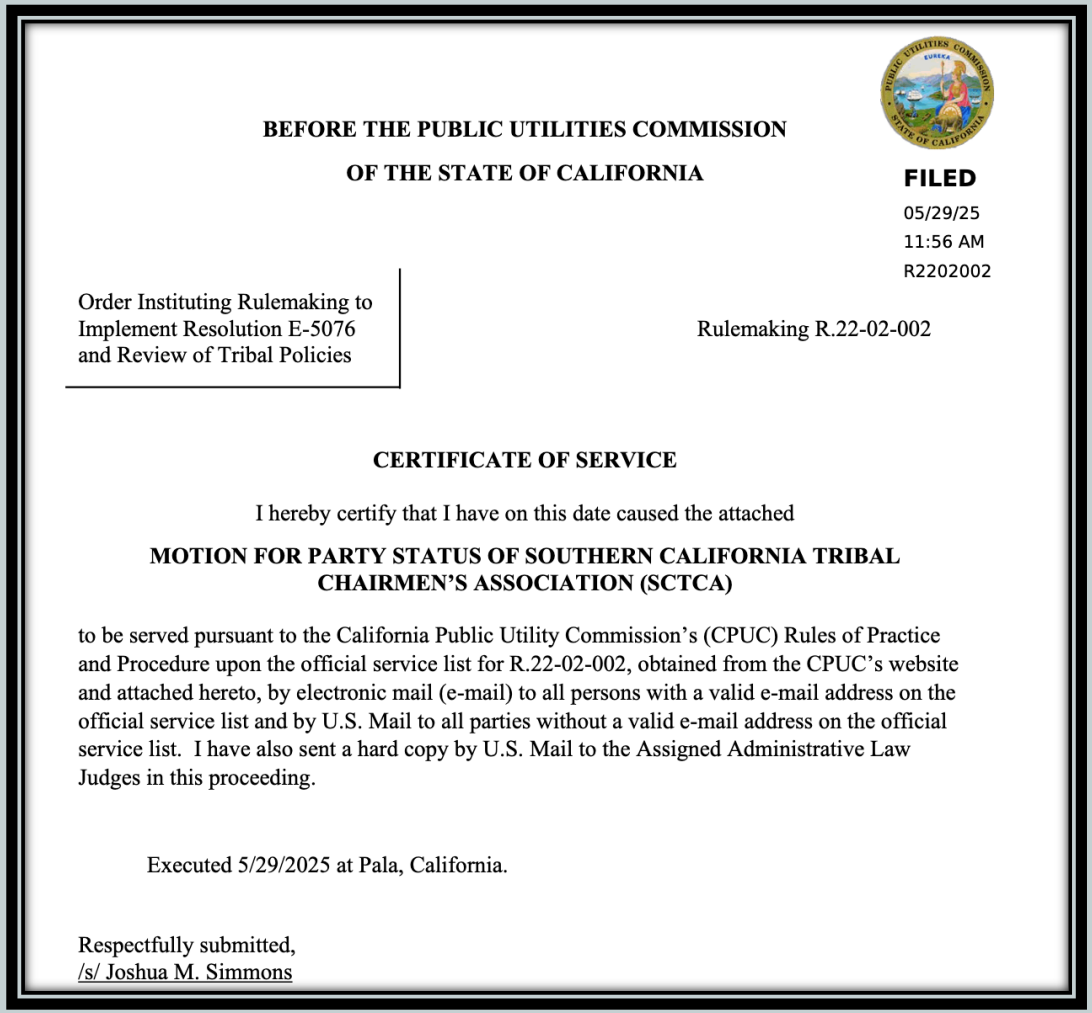
Rulemaking R.22-02-002

MOTION FOR PARTY STATUS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRIBAL CHAIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION (SCTCA)

How to Create Official CPUC Documents

- Write your comments, motion for party status, etc.
- Verbatim follow CPUC template; formatting is essential
- Create certificate of service (CoS) and copy/paste service list



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have on this date caused the attached

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to be served pursuant to the California Public Utility Commission's (CPUC) Rules of Practice and Procedure upon the official service list for R.22-02-002, obtained from the CPUC's website and attached hereto, by electronic mail (e-mail) to all persons with a valid e-mail address on the official service list and by U.S. Mail to all parties without a valid e-mail address on the official service list. I have also sent a hard copy by U.S. Mail to the Assigned Administrative Law Judges in this proceeding.

Executed 5/29/2025 at Pala, California.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Joshua M. Simmons

How to Serve and Tender Documents

- Convert your comments and CoS into a PDF/A
- Email everyone on service list, potentially in batches
- Electronic file at efile.cpuc.gov
- Print and mail to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ)
- Monitor your email for submission approval or rejection
    - Submitted but incomplete documents cured within se ven days will be filed as of the date it was originally tendered
- Make corrections as necessary

It gets easier! First time filing takes hours; after that it can be done in less than 60 minutes

Resources

- Formal CPUC Document Templates and Examples
- Serving and Filing CPUC Documents
- Methods for Becoming a Party
- PDF/A Converter
- CPUC Rules of Practice and Procedure
- Recent SCTCA Motion for Party Status and COS

Other Updates, Opportunities

- Learn about the new SGIP Residential Solar and Storage Equity Program (rebates for qualifying residential energy storage or solar plus storage systems) at the next Tribal Energy and Climate Collaborative eXchange (TECC-X) Click here to register.
- SCTCA's SGIP PFM and Comments on Project Deadlines:
  - Seeking program-wide extension of timelines for nonresidential energy storage projects advancing in good faith. Awaiting CPUC progress as rebate performance deadlines rapidly approach.
- Pursuing training on Intervenor Compensation
- Seeking presentations on Solar For All opportunities for Tribes

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Final Thoughts, Questions?

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