

MEETING of the Legislative & Regulatory Committee of the
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Wednesday, September 23, 2020 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Executive Committee conducted this meeting in accordance with California Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 and COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Lindsey Horvath called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and Clerk of the Board Gabriela Monzon conducted roll call.

Roll Call			
Agoura Hills	Deborah Klein Lopez	Committee Member	Remote
Carson	Cedric Hicks	Committee Member	Remote
Redondo Beach	Christian Horvath	Committee Member	Remote
West Hollywood	Lindsey Horvath	Chair	Remote

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from June 24, 2020 Legislative & Regulatory Committee Meeting

Motion: Committee Member Deborah Klein Lopez, Agoura Hills

Second: Committee Member Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach

Vote: Item 1 was approved by a roll call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Oral Update on the 2020-2021 Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) Rate

C.C. Song, Director of Regulatory Affairs, discussed Southern California Edison's (SCE) Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) forecast

application that sets its generation rates, proposing an increase to the PCIA of 16-30%. Ms. Song noted that CPA and CalChoice Energy Authority partnered up to contest the reasoning behind SCE's proposed increase and are working with outside counsel and an expert witness to propose several modifications that would reduce the total PCIA revenue requirements for departing customers from \$10 to \$11 million, which will help CPA to remain competitive with SCE. In response to Committee Member Lopez's question, Ms. Song explained that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) adopted a cap of 0.5 cents on the PCIA and SCE will be able to file another application to recover an undercollection.

Ms. Song discussed SCE's ERRRA trigger application, which is mandated by AB 57, where Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) must file a trigger application when their monthly recorded balance exceed a 4% trigger. In this application, Ms. Song explained that the SCE indicated that their overcollection from bundled customers was reduced by \$500 million due to the August heatwave and market disruption. Most recently, SCE filed an updated application that indicated their overcollection was at a zero balance, which means SCE's 2021 generation rates will not be reduced as forecasted, thereby making CPA more competitive. In response to Committee Member Hicks' questions, staff clarified that the outlook has changed and there is now upward pressure on generation rates and downward pressures on the PCIA fee, so the competitive outlook for 2021 has improved.

3. 2019/2020 Legislative Session Debrief and Discussion of 2021/2022 Legislative Session Expectations

CPA's contract lobbyists Mandy Lee from Omni Government Relations and Rob Grossglauser from Pinnacle Advocacy discussed CPA's legislative priorities and advocacy efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Lee discussed some of CPA's activities in the previous legislative session, for example, obtaining funding for the California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project and working on a Climate Resiliency Bond, even though the latter did not move forward due to the focus on COVID-19 pandemic relief. Ms. Lee described a few lessons learned in the previous legislative session, specifically that people did not know that CPA is one of the top load-serving entities in the state; had mixed views of Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs); and key energy staffers expressed concerns with CCAs and reliability. CPA lobbyists emphasized the importance of both education and relationship building with Sacramento legislators and reviewed key legislation passed, such as modest tenant protections, workers' compensation, and several COVID-19 related measures. Mr. Grossglauser discussed the upcoming 2021 legislative session, which will focus on housing, economic development, police reform, and most significantly, climate change policies relating to resource adequacy and energy storage issues that will be under consideration.

Committee Member Lopez commented that outreach should go beyond legislators in CPA's service territory and reach those that have no background or experience with CCAs. Committee Member Horvath added that it may be an opportune time to do virtual advocacy, while state operations are conducted remotely. Chair Horvath agreed that both staff and Committee Members could make time to meet virtually with legislators to create a nexus to issues that might be important to both.

Staff and the lobbyist team agreed that although CCAs are newer, CPA has an advantage in participating in local politics that can be used to its advantage, specifically with legislators that are well versed in energy policy.

Ms. Goodhill asked Committee Members to weigh in on specific issues that the Committee would like CPA staff place emphasis on, such as equity, microgrids, resiliency, and reliability. Chair Horvath commented that it was important to create a nexus between CPA's priorities and those in Sacramento and making sure that legislators are aware of what CPA's experience is at the California Public Utilities Commissions. Committee Member Horvath hoped to be strategic in the approach to achieve long- and short-term goals that both staff and the Board have identified as priorities.

Lastly, Ms. Goodhill reported that CPA staff will also focus on new opportunities for CPA to expand its' work as part of a federal platform, participating in a task force set up by the Biden Harris presidential campaign. Specifically, Ms. Goodhill noted that the platform included a focus on transportation, adaption and resiliency, electrification, and eliminating energy poverty.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 11 a.m.