

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking
to Examine Electric Utility
De-Energization of Power
Lines in Dangerous Conditions

Rulemaking 18-12-005
(Filed December 13, 2018)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COALITION'S SUPPORT FOR
JOINT MOTION FOR EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING DE-ENERGIZATION
PROTOCOLS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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In accordance with Rule 11.1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition (LGSEC) hereby conveys its strong support for the Joint Motion parties' request that the Commission develop and issue an emergency order setting forth de-energization public health protocols for the electric investor-owned utilities ("IOUs"). This directive should remain intact as long as a State of Emergency or shelter-in-place order is in effect due to COVID-19 risks.

LGSEC stoutly agrees with the Joint Motion's advice that the emergency order should complement existing directives that prohibit the IOUs from disconnecting customer accounts for nonpayment during the COVID-19 emergency. In particular, LGSEC commends the Joint Motion parties for their detailed and thoughtful recommended Proposed Emergency PSPS/Covid-19 Regulations.

LGSEC notes that local governments remain impacted by the lengthy Power Safety Power Shutoff events that were imposed in 2019. Yet they are now having to cope with the public health and economic consequences of the current extreme state of affairs. In this context it is imperative that the IOUs take all necessary measures to ensure that they reliably and safely maintain power supplies, especially to vulnerable population.

Respectfully submitted,

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