



To: Interested Stakeholders
From: Koko Tomassian, Program Manager – Compliance Division
cc: Rulemaking (R.)18-10-007 Service List
Date: July 19, 2021
Re: **Comment Deadline Extension for Independent Evaluator Reports**

Background

On April 6, 2021, the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety), then the Wildfire Safety Division (WSD) within the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), issued a statement providing guidance on expectations for the engagement of independent evaluators (IEs) in the review of electrical corporations compliance with approved 2020 Wildfire Mitigation Plans (WMPs).¹ This April 6, 2021 letter outlined a number of aspects of the IE process, including the unique nature of the process in 2021 given the impending transition of WSD to Energy Safety as well as a schedule for various activities.

Discussion

Energy Safety intended to post the IE Reports on its website and send notice to the service list of CPUC rulemaking R.18-10-007 on June 30, 2021 as per the April 6, 2021 letter. However, this posting and notice date coincided with the WSD's transition to Energy Safety and the creation of Energy Safety's new website. As a result, the IE reports were posted on the website on July 1, 2021 instead.² This posting date complied with the statutory requirement.³

The service list of CPUC rulemaking R. 18-10-007 was not notified on July 1. As a result, Energy Safety has decided to extend the previously communicated deadline for comments from both interested stakeholders and electrical corporations. The revised schedule and submission instructions are provided below.

Revised Schedule & Submission Instructions

Table 1 below details the previous and current deadlines for the submission of comments on the final IE reports.

¹ The April 6, 2021, WSD 2021 Guidance on Engagement of IEs Pursuant to Public Utilities Code §8386.3 letter is posted on the Energy Safety webpage [here](#).

² The Final IE Annual Reports on Compliance are posted and available on the Energy Safety website here.

³ See California Public Utilities Code §8386.3(c)(2)(B).

Table 1 Revised Final IE Report Comment Schedule

Item	Previous Due Date	Current Due Date
Public comment on Final IE report	July 22, 2021	August 6, 2021
Electrical corporation response to Final IE report	July 31, 2021	August 16, 2021

Energy Safety modifies the submission process for comments communicated in the April 6, 2021 letter as follows:

- All interested stakeholders are asked to sign up to the 2021-IE docket on the Energy Safety e-filing system
 - Instructions for signing up to a docket and submitting an e-filing to the system are found in the “Energy Safety E-filing System User Guide” available [here](#)
 - Interested stakeholders who are familiar with the Energy Safety e-filing system can sign up for the 2021-IE docket directly [here](#)
- All comments on the Final IE reports must be submitted through the e-filing system to Docket #: 2021-IE by the dates indicated above
- Comments are not required to be served on the CPUC’s R.18-10-007 service list, as the Energy Safety e-filing system is designed to notify everyone signed up to the docket of all submissions

Conclusion

The comment deadlines and process for submitting comments have been modified, as indicated in this letter.