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Energy Safety Solicits Public Input in Review of Electrical Infrastructure Safety Requirements

Process will consider escalating climate impacts and elevated wildfire risk

Dear Stakeholder,

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) is soliciting public input in its review of electrical infrastructure safety requirements amid escalating climate impacts and elevated wildfire risk. Energy Safety's review, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 326(a)(7), will focus on, "...safety requirements for electrical transmission and distribution infrastructure and infrastructure and equipment attached to that electrical infrastructure..."

Energy Safety, in collaboration with the Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (WSAB), CAL FIRE, and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), is planning a public workshop(s) to gather input from stakeholders, including the general public, California's electrical corporations, and other interested parties, in its review of existing electrical infrastructure safety requirements and in the development of recommendations.

Addressing climate impacts and the need to mitigate wildfire risk will inform the review process. Following its review, Energy Safety will provide recommendations in a report that will be submitted to the CPUC.

Although specific dates for the public workshop(s) have not been identified, we encourage those who are interested in participating to begin developing ideas to bring to the table for discussion. More information will be available on Energy Safety's website when details and dates for the workshop(s) are finalized.

Sincerely,

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