



May 8, 2024

To: Stakeholders for Electrical Undergrounding Plan Guidelines

Subject: Draft Electrical Undergrounding Plan Guidelines

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety releases the attached Draft Electrical Undergrounding Plan Guidelines for public review and comment.

Senate Bill 884 (McGuire; Stats. 2022, Ch. 819) directed that an expedited utility distribution infrastructure undergrounding program be established. The California Public Utilities Commission established the program on March 7, 2024. To participate in the program, a large electrical corporation must submit a 10-year plan to the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) for review and approval that meets certain statutory requirements. The Draft Electrical Undergrounding Plan Guidelines contain the procedural and substantive requirements that must be met to submit an Electrical Undergrounding Plan for review and approval.

Public Comments

Written opening comments must be submitted no later than May 29, 2024. Reply comments must be submitted no later than June 10, 2024. The written comments must be filed in the Energy Safety e-filing system to the EUP Guideline Development docket (2023-UPs). Opening comments must be no more than 30 pages and reply comments must be no more than 15 pages. Supporting documents may be included as appendices or attachments and are excluded from the page limits.

Information and further instructions on submitting written comments through the e-filing system can be found in the Energy Safety E-Filing System User Guide on Energy Safety's website at [External E Filing User Guide March 2024 \(ca.gov\)](https://www.energysafety.ca.gov/external-efiling-user-guide-march-2024).

Public Workshop

Energy Safety will present the Draft Electrical Undergrounding Plan Guidelines at a public workshop on May 15, 2024, and a follow-up workshop on May 22, 2024. Energy Safety will provide information on how to participate in the workshops, as well as agendas in advance of the workshop dates.

Availability of Documents

Documents related to the Electrical Undergrounding Plan Guidelines are available in the Electrical Undergrounding Plan docket on the Energy Safety e-filing system. Additional information, including an overview document summarizing the Guidelines, can be found on the Energy Safety website at [Electrical Undergrounding Division – SB 884 | Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin Ralff Douglas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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