



**San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
 Citizens' Advisory Committee
 Power Subcommittee**

MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, August 8, 2023
 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 525 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor Tuolumne Conference Room**

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Mission: The Power Subcommittee shall review power generation and transmission system reliability and improvement programs, including but not limited to facilities siting and alternatives energy programs, as well as other relevant plans, programs, and policies ([Admin. Code Article XV, Sections 5.140 - 5.142](#)).

Members

Chair Emily Algire (D5)
 Jodi Soboll (M- Engin.
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Barklee Sanders (D6)

Moisés García (D9)

D = District Supervisor appointed, M = Mayor appointed, B = Board President appointed

Staff Liaisons: Mayara Ruski Augusto Sa, Lexus Moncrease, and Jotti Aulakh
 Staff Email for Public Comment: cac@sfwater.org

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order and roll call at 5:32 pm

Members present at roll call: (3) Algire, Sanders, and Soboll

Members Absent: (1) García

Staff: Pamela Husing, Elisa Rodriguez, and Twisha Balasubramanian

Members of the Public: None

OUR MISSION: To provide our customers with high-quality, efficient, and reliable water, power and sewer services in a manner that values environmental and community interests and sustains the resources entrusted to our care.



2. Approve [June 13, 2023 Minutes](#)

Motion was made (Sanders) and seconded (Soboll) to approve the June 13, 2023, Minutes.

AYES: (3) Algire, Sanders, and Soboll

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) García

Public Comment: None

3. Report from the Chair

- Welcome members, staff, and the public
- Ohlone Tribal Land Acknowledgement

Public Comment: None

4. Public Comment: Members of the public may address the Committee on matters that are within the Committee's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda

Public Comment: None

5. Presentation and Discussion: [Hetch Hetchy Power Grid Interconnection Issues Update](#), Pamela Husing, Director of Federal Agreements and Acquisition Analysis, SFPUC

Presentation

- Hetch Hetchy Power Grid Interconnection Issues Update
- Public Power Expansion
- San Francisco Relies on PG&E for Distributing Electricity
- Ongoing Challenges with PG&E Service in San Francisco
- Making Things Worse With PG&E's New Requirements Under its' Wholesale Distribution Tariff (WDT3)
- Ongoing Issues with PG&E Issues
- PG&E Has Obstructed Over 140 Objects
- Projects Lost to PG&E Retail Due to WDT3
- Ongoing Litigation
- Steps Taken to Make Public Power Expansion a Reality?

Discussion

- **Member Soboll** asked if the image depicted on slide 5 showed customers that receive solely Hetch Hetchy power and customers that receive solely PG&E power and whether power from both goes through PG&E distribution.

Staff Husing responded affirmatively and noted that all electrons must flow through the PG&E grid because it is the physical connection between the generation and the customer.

- **Member Soboll** asked if PG&E retail customers receive power sourced from Hetch Hetchy and CleanPowerSF.

Staff Husing responded that Hetchy customers are allocated Hetchy hydrogeneration, the CleanPowerSF portfolio is allocated to CleanPowerSF customers, and the purely PG&E customers are allocated the PG&E grid power.

- **Chair Algire** noted that pure PG&E customers were 1-3% of total customers.
- **Member Soboll** asked whether there was PG&E grid power that was not depicted on the graphic on slide 5.

Staff Husing responded that PG&E grid power was depicted in the Christmas tree image on the graphic because there are some pure PG&E retail customers.

- **Member Sanders** asked if the SFPUC includes Treasure Island (TI) under local public ownership or will the SFPUC exclude TI until the redevelopment is complete.

Staff Husing responded that the grid on TI is not owned by PG&E, and the transaction that the SFPUC is working on to acquire PG&E is with PG&E, which TI is not a part of. She commented that as TI is redeveloped, the idea is for the City to take ownership of the equipment as it is built out.

- **Member Sanders** asked how much the SFPUC was offering PG&E to buy their grid.

Staff Husing responded that they were offering to buy it for \$2.5 billion.

- **Member Sanders** commented that TI has experienced 567 power outages over the last 25 years. He then asked why the SFPUC was not criticizing TIDA (Treasure Island Development Authority) when it was willing to criticize PG&E and whether the SFPUC could use the \$2.5 billion to purchase PG&E infrastructure and TI's assets to relieve the community of its many power outages.

Staff Husing responded that the \$2.5 billion would go directly to PG&E as part of the agreement. She commented that she was unsure if there was a prohibition or a timing issue with accelerating a grid take over and purchasing the grid from PG&E might be a 10-year process due to the legal battle.

- **Member Soboll** asked why the SFPUC was not responsible for replacing TIDA's grid if they were the ones maintaining it.

Staff Husing responded that she did not know because she was not sure what the agreement with TIDA entailed.

Member Sanders commented that upgrades to TIDA's grid can only happen if they are approved by TIDA's director, Robert Beck.

- **Member Soboll** asked what secondary interconnections are.

Staff Husing responded that secondary interconnections are anything under 500 kw (kilowatt) on a PG&E retail load application. She commented that from 500 to 3,000 kw, the customer can choose to have a primary interconnection because they can receive a lower rate if they have a facility engineer who can handle that. Staff Husing noted that more than 3,000 kw always requires a primary interconnection.

- **Member Sanders** commented that TI and Yerba Buena Island (YBI) should be included in graphics and on maps that represent San Francisco, and the depictions should note that TI and YBI are not serviced by PG&E. He added that this will allow people to understand that those areas are not separate from San Francisco while still depicting accurate information.
- **Staff Husing** responded that this was a graphics issue, but it was inexcusable.

Public Comment: None

6. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action: [Resolution Regarding Emergency Authorizations and Power Outages on Treasure](#), CAC Member Barklee Sanders

This item was postponed to the next Power CAC meeting due to technical difficulties.

Public Comment: None

7. Staff report

This item was postponed to the next Power CAC meeting due to technical difficulties.

Public Comment: None

8. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions

- Purchase Power Contract
- IEPR from the CEC
- TI Resolution Report back
- Bayview Power
- Wildfire Updates
- Emergency Preparedness
- Power Enterprise Training
- Legislative Update – Federal and State
- Electrification: San Francisco Climate Action Plan
- Municipalization: Interconnection, FERC Order 568, CCSF Purchase Offer
- Electric Rates & Equity
- Power Enterprise Residential & Commercial Power Programs: Heat Pumps, CAP

- California Community Choice Aggregation Residential & Commercial Power Programs
- Redevelopment Projects: Hunter's Point Shipyard & Treasure Island
- Time-of-Use Rates Update
- Reliability: Wildfires and Public Safety Power Shutoffs

Adopted Resolutions for Follow Up

- Resolution Recommending that the SFPUC Commission Reverses its Position on the "Not to Exceed Rates" for CleanPowerSF, Move Forward with this Important Program, and Allow Staff to Move Forward with its Launch [adopted September 16, 2014](#)
- Resolution in Support of SB 612 Electrical Corporations and other Load-Serving Entities [adopted on July 20, 2021](#)
- Resolution in Supporting of the Transition of CleanPowerSF Residential Customers to Time-of-Use Rates [adopted on July 20, 2021](#)

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Public Comment: None

9. Announcements/Comments Visit www.sfpuc.org/cac for confirmation of the next scheduled meeting, agenda, and materials.

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Public Comment: None

10. Adjournment

Motion was made (Algire) and seconded (Sanders) to adjourn the meeting due to technical difficulties.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.