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Wednesday, August 5, 2026
1:30pm
1021 N Street, Room 1100

OVERSIGHT HEARING

Savings You Don't See:

California's Energy Efficiency Programs

Panelist Information

Kerry Fleisher is Director of Distributed Energy Resources, Natural Gas, and Retail Rates at the California Public Utilities Commission. She has served in a variety of roles at the CPUC since 2017, including serving as President Alice Reynolds' Chief Policy Advisor, appointed by Governor Newsom to that role in 2022. Prior to that, she was an energy advisor to President Reynolds and Commissioner Guzman Aceves, and she was a senior analyst in the Energy Division in the Retail Choice and Customer Generation sections. Before coming to the CPUC, she spent a decade advising on campaigns and communications at the U.S. Energy Foundation, implementing pilot demand response and energy efficiency programs, and consulting. She holds a Master's of Urban Planning and a Bachelor's degree from the University of California Berkeley.

Claire Braico is the Senior Manager of the Energy Efficiency Policy Shaping and Technical Oversight team within PG&E's Building Electrification and Efficiency Programs Department. With more than 15 years of experience in the energy efficiency industry, she leads a multidisciplinary team of policy analysts, compliance specialists, data reporting professionals, and engineers responsible for technical project review, regulatory compliance, and Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification activities that support PG&E's energy efficiency portfolio. Claire earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, in 2010 and obtained her Professional Engineer (PE) license in Mechanical Engineering in 2013.

Lujuana Medina, With over 20 years in the energy industry and now a local government leader, Lujuana is responsible for managing and operating environmental initiatives programs administered by the County of Los Angeles. This includes the Southern California Regional Energy Network (a portfolio of energy efficiency programs), SoCal CEC Equitable Building Decarbonization Program. Her work focuses on the opportunities

that climate change presents to redesign existing systems and processes while collaborating with diverse partners to implement equitable, innovative, and comprehensive climate solutions.

Laurel Rothschild is Vice President of Energy Programs at The Energy Coalition, a California nonprofit dedicated to advancing an affordable and clean energy future. She oversees a diverse portfolio of energy efficiency programs and works closely with policymakers, local governments, and community partners statewide. Laurel is Co-Chair of the California Energy Efficiency Coordinating Committee (CAEECC) and serves on the boards of the California Efficiency + Demand Management Council (CEDMC) and Association of Women, Water, Energy, and Environment (AWWEE). She is a Certified Energy Auditor and LEED AP O+M, with a Bachelor's degree in Business Economics from UC Santa Barbara.

Spencer Lipp, PE, has nearly 30 years of energy experience with most work occurring within the California energy efficiency. While his work spans multiple roles and disciplines, the majority of the work includes program design and implementation. For the past three years as part of the California Technical Forum Staff, he is responsible for execution of the Cal TF business plan objectives. Separately from Cal TF, he currently provides technical consulting services for various energy related entities including the Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission for oversight of the state's energy efficiency programs. He is a registered professional engineer in California and holds a bachelor's in science in Mechanical Engineering from UC Santa Barbara.

Shelly Lyser is a Senior Energy Program Manager at the Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission. She has over a decade of experience in distributed energy resource program evaluation, with a focus on climate and customer impacts. At the Public Advocates Office, she oversees the branch responsible for advocacy on Electricity Pricing and Customer Programs.