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INTRODUCTION

This publication summarizes bills heard in the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee during the 2015-16 Legislative Session. It does not include all energy related bills that were heard in the Legislature. This summary also includes bills that were signed into law, referred to the Senate but not enacted, and bills that were assigned to other Assembly policy committees.

Each summary includes the final status of the bill in italics. Chapter numbers are included for those bills that became law.

In general, chaptered legislation will go into effect on January 1st of the following year. Bills that contain an urgency clause (not noted in this document) took effect immediately upon the Governor's signature.

The following abbreviations are used throughout this summary:

CAISO (California Independent System Operator)

CARB (California Air Resources Board)

CASF (California Advanced Services Fund)

CEC (California Energy Commission)

CPUC (California Public Utilities Commission)

CRI (Color Rendering Index)

GHG (Greenhouse Gas)

IOU (Investor-Owned Utility)

POU (Publicly-Owned Utility)

RPS (Renewable Portfolio Standard)

TNC (Transportation Network Company)

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Administrative

AB 1119 (Rendon) Public utilities: municipal corporations: rights of way.

Provides that a county has the right to require an agreement on the terms and conditions for a proposed utility infrastructure project that is owned, constructed, and operated by a municipal corporation within unincorporated county territory.

Status: Chapter 670, Statutes of 2015.

AB 1266 (Gonzalez) Electrical and gas corporations: excess compensation.

Prohibits an electrical or gas corporation from recovering from ratepayers' expenses for excess compensation paid to an officer of the utility for five years following a triggering event, unless approved by the CPUC.

Status: Chapter 599, Statutes of 2015.

AB 1524 (Committee on Utilities and Commerce) Electricity: energy crisis litigation.

Extends by two years the authority of the Attorney General to represent the Department of Finance and to exercise the powers of the defunct Electricity Oversight Board in any litigation related to the 2000 to 2002 energy crisis.

Status: Chapter 382, Statutes of 2015.

AB 1525 (Committee on Utilities and Commerce) Electrical restructuring.

Deletes an obsolete section of statute concerning the establishment of the Fuel Price Index Mechanism to enable the transition to a competitive energy market.

Status: Chapter 135, Statutes of 2015.

AB 2746 (Oberholte) Public Utilities Commission: contracts: electronic submissions.

Requires the CPUC to adopt procedures authorizing the submission of electronic signatures and documents by all parties on contracts involving the CPUC.

Status: Chapter 334, Statutes of 2016.

SB 631 (Hueso) Public Utilities Commission: fees.

Updates the fee for filing a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity with the CPUC from \$75 to \$500.

Status: Chapter 237, Statutes of 2015.

SB 697 (Hertzberg) Public Utilities Commission Accountability Act of 2015: reports: audits: electrical restructuring: charter-party carriers of passengers.

Repeals the requirement of the CPUC to issue a decal to charter-party carriers of passengers, extends the sunset date by one year on the CPUC's authority to issue financing orders, allows for the electronic filing of legislative reports, and makes additional codifying and technical changes to the Public Utilities Code related to reporting requirements.

Status: Chapter 612, Statutes of 2015.

SB 1222 (Hertzberg) Public Utilities Commission: reports: financing orders.

Makes various changes to the authorities of the CPUC and the reports required to be provided to the Legislature.

Status: Chapter 842, Statutes of 2016.

CPUC Reform

AB 825 (Rendon, Mark Stone) Public Utilities Commission.

Proposes a suite of reforms of the CPUC largely directed at increased transparency of the activities of the agency, including requiring the California State Auditor's Office to appoint an Inspector General within its office for the CPUC, expanding the roles and responsibilities of the CPUC public advisor, specifying additional requirements of commissioners, and increased transparency of electric utilities' procurement, among others.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor.

AB 895 (Rendon) Utility rate refunds: energy crisis litigation: Public Utilities Commission: judicial review.

Requires proceeds of any claims arising out of the 2000 to 2002 energy crisis to be monetary and deposited into the Ratepayer Relief Fund to be appropriated for the benefit of ratepayers, and provides that actions to enforce the CPUC's process for handling and determining disclosable public records, as well as actions to enforce Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act requirements, may be taken to the superior court.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor.

AB 1023 (Rendon) Public Utilities Commission: proceedings: ex parte communications.

Requires the CPUC to establish and maintain a weekly communications log summarizing all oral or written ex parte communications.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor.

AB 1651 (Obernalte) Public Utilities Commission: contracts.

Requires the CPUC to post information related to contracts and audits on its Internet Web site.

Status: Chapter 815, Statutes of 2016.

AB 2168 (Williams) Public Utilities Commission Audit Compliance Act of 2016.

Revises CPUC reporting requirements on inspections and audits and modifies current auditing requirements.

Status: Chapter 805, Statutes of 2016.

AB 2902 (Utilities and Commerce Committee) Public Utilities Commission: staff offices.

Authorizes CPUC staff offices to be located in Los Angeles, Sacramento, or San Francisco.

Status: Died in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2903 (Gatto) Public Utilities Commission: duties and responsibilities: governance.

Provides a suite of reforms of the operations of the CPUC, including clarifying the responsibilities and oversight of various positions; improvements to ethics practices; reports related to telecommunications services and CPUC staffing; stating the intent of the Legislature to transfer most non-rail, for-hire transportation services to the State Transportation Agency; and others.

Status: Died in the Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee.

ACA 11 (Gatto, et al.) Public Utilities Commission.

Authorizes the Legislature to reallocate or reassign all or a portion of the functions of the CPUC to other state agencies, departments, boards, or other entities, consistent with specified purposes.

Status: Died in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 18 (Hill, Hueso) Public Utilities Commission: outside counsel.

Requires any contract entered into by the CPUC for outside legal counsel services to represent it in a criminal investigation to be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) for review, with specified information, and approved by a vote of the CPUC no sooner than 30 days after the contract has been submitted to the JLBC.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor.

SB 48 (Hill) Public Utilities Commission.

Proposes a suite of reforms of the governance and operations of the CPUC, including, among others, requiring sessions in Sacramento, applying the Code of Ethics from the Administrative Procedures Act to administrative law judges, clarifying and augmenting the information the CPUC must provide the Legislature in its annual report, and others.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor.

SB 62 (Hill, Pavley) Public Utilities Commission: Office of the Safety Advocate.

Codifies a Division of Safety Advocates within the CPUC created in the 2016-17 State Budget and makes various changes.

Status: Chapter 806, Statutes of 2016.

SB 215 (Leno, Hueso) Public Utilities Commission.

Provides a variety of changes to address issues of governance and accountability of the CPUC.

Status: Chapter 807, Statutes of 2016.

SB 512 (Hill) Public Utilities Commission.

Makes a variety changes to the operations and governance of the CPUC.

Status: Chapter 808, Statutes of 2016.

SB 660 (Leno, Hueso) Public Utilities Commission.

Proposes a suite of reforms of the governance, rules, operations and procedures of the CPUC, including: reform of laws and rules related to ex parte communications, criteria and process for disqualification of commissions to a proceeding, and authorizes the CPUC to appoint the chief administrative law judge.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor.

SB 1017 (Hill) Public Utilities Commission: public availability of utility supplied documents: judicial review.

Modifies statutes that limit public access to utility supplied documents at the CPUC.

Status: Died on the Assembly Floor.

Consumer Protection and Low Income Assistance

AB 401 (Dodd) Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program.

Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in collaboration with the State Board of Equalization and stakeholders, to develop a plan for funding and implementing the Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program.

Status: Chapter 662, Statutes of 2015.

AB 693 (Eggman, Williams) Multifamily Affordable Housing Solar Roofs Program.

Creates a Multifamily Affordable Housing Solar Roofs Program to provide financial incentives for qualified solar installations at multifamily affordable housing properties funded from IOU's GHG allowances.

Status: Chapter 582, Statutes of 2015.

AB 865 (Alejo) State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission: grants and loans: diversity.

Requires the CEC to develop and implement an outreach program to inform certified women, minorities, disabled veterans, and gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender businesses of CEC workshops, training, and funding opportunities.

Status: Chapter 583, Statutes of 2015.

AB 966 (Baker) California Solar Initiative: ratepayer-funded incentives: conditions.

Requires, as a condition for ratepayer-funded incentives, a ratepayer to submit to the CEC a copy of the building permit required for the installation of the solar energy system, and, if no permit is required, would require the ratepayer to demonstrate that to the CEC.

Status: Died in the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

AB 1022 (Obernalte) Solar Water Heating and Efficiency Act of 2007.

Repeals specified requirements of the Solar Water Heating and Efficiency Act of 2007, prohibits any additional moneys from being collected from ratepayers to fund the Act after December 31, 2015, and makes additional changes relating to loan repayment and disbursement of funds relating to the Act.

Status: Died in the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

AB 1331 (Obernalte) California Alternate Rates for Energy program: income verification.

Provides that a participant in the California Alternate Rates for Energy program is permanently barred from participation from self-certified enrollment if that participant fails to respond to a request to verify income.

Status: Died in the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

AB 2120 (Weber) Public Utilities Commission: proceedings: intervenor fees: customers.

Expands the intervenor compensation program at the CPUC to include county offices of education, and consortiums of K-12 public school districts or agencies who participate or intervene in a proceeding related to gas or electricity rates.

Status: Died in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Distributed Generation

AB 674 (Mullin) Electricity: distributed generation.

Exempts customers served by clean distributed energy sources from nonbypassable charges imposed on IOU customers to fund public purpose programs, energy crisis contracts, and nuclear decommissioning costs.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1132 (Ting) Distributed generation: report: green workforce training programs.

Requires the CPUC to submit an annual report on distributed generation to the Legislature and to include an evaluation of the current use of green workforce training programs related to distributed generation.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 286 (Hertzberg) Electricity: direct transactions.

Requires the CPUC to allow individual retail nonresidential end-use customers to contract directly for their electricity supplies, as specified.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Electricity and Electricity Rates

AB 568 (Dodd) Reclamation District No. 108: hydroelectric power.

Allows Reclamation District No. 108 to construct and operate a hydroelectric powerplant and transmission lines.

Status: Chapter 134, Statutes of 2015.

AB 1110 (Ting) Greenhouse gases emissions intensity reporting: retail electricity suppliers.

Modifies current requirements to report sources of electricity by every retail supplier of electricity in California to also annually report to its customers the GHG emissions intensity of the supplier's electricity sources.

Status: Chapter 656, Statutes of 2016.

AB 1180 (Cristina Garcia) Rates and charges for water service: payment transaction fees.

Authorizes, until January 1, 2022, a water corporation with more than 10,000 service connections to seek CPUC approval through its general rate case to operate a pilot program designed to evaluate customer interest in, and utilization of, bill payment options, including, but not limited to, credit card, debit card and prepaid card bill payment options, and to assess the cost-effectiveness of, and customer interests served by, customer access to those bill payment options.

Status: Chapter 254, Statutes of 2016.

AB 1334 (Quirk) Public utilities: research and development projects.

Requires findings supporting a decision to approve the inclusion of expenses incurred for research and development projects or programs in electricity rates be informed by independent expert review.

Status: Died in the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

AB 1937 (Gomez, Williams) Electricity: procurement.

Requires an electric IOU that bids for new gas-fired generation resources to consider, and give preference to, bids for resources that are not gas-fired generation resources located in communities that suffer from cumulative pollution burdens and directs the CPUC to ensure IOU procurement plans include showings that the IOU contains this element.

Status: Chapter 664, Statutes of 2016.

AB 2271 (Quirk) Electricity: research programs: peer review.

Requires the CPUC to establish a procedure for the independent peer review of research programs proposed by an electrical corporation.

Status: Died in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2323 (Ridley-Thomas) Electricity: rates: low-carbon fuel production facilities.

Requires electrical corporations that offer time-of-use rates, critical peak pricing, real-time pricing, or peak time rebates for charging electric vehicles to offer similar rates to low-carbon transportation fuel production facilities and fueling stations.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2861 (Ting) Electricity: distribution grid interconnection dispute resolution process.

Authorizes the CPUC to establish an expedited distribution grid interconnection dispute resolution process to resolve disputes within 60 days, unless it determines more time is needed. Specifies the elements to be included in the dispute resolution process and requires the CPUC to establish a technical panel, a review panel, and a public process for each dispute.

Status: Chapter 672, Statutes of 2016.

SB 793 (Wolk) Green Tariff Shared Renewables Program.

Requires an IOU that offers a Green Tariff Shared Renewables Program to permit a participating customer to subscribe to the program and be provided with a nonbinding estimate of reasonably anticipated bill credits and bill charges, as determined by the CPUC, for a period of up to 20 years.

Status: Chapter 587, Statutes of 2015.

SB 1041 (Hueso) Energy: electric rates: public elementary and secondary schools.

Requires the CPUC to consider the effects of establishing a rate for electric service for public elementary and secondary schools.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 919 (Hertzberg) Water supply: creation or augmentation of local water supplies.

Requires the CPUC, in consultation with the CAISO, to address, by January 1, 2018, the oversupply of renewable energy resources through the development of a tariff or other economic incentive for the electricity purchased by customers operating facilities that create or augment local water supplies.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor.

SB 1112 (Canella) Utilities: water and sewer system corporations: transactions.

Allows the CPUC discretion to retroactively approve, or conditionally approve, specified transactions, valued at \$5 million or less, by small water or sewer corporations, as specified, when the utility fails to obtain prior approval.

Status: Chapter 631, Statutes of 2016.

Energy Efficiency

AB 213 (Ridley-Thomas) Energy efficiency: light emitting diode lighting products.

Prohibits the CEC from adopting a CRI value greater than the CRI value set forth in the United States Environmental Protection Agency ENERGY STAR program as a part of energy efficiency standards for lighting products, unless the CEC makes certain findings.

Status: Died in the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

AB 793 (Quirk) Energy efficiency.

Requires electrical corporations to develop and implement educational plans and incentive programs for customers to control their electricity use and acquire energy management technology.

Status: Chapter 589, Statutes of 2015.

AB 802 (Williams) Energy efficiency.

Requires the CPUC to authorize electrical corporations or gas corporations to provide incentives and assistance for measures to conform a building to CEC's energy efficiency standards for existing buildings and to allow IOUs to recover in rates the reasonable costs of those incentives and assistance.

Status: Chapter 590, Statutes of 2015.

AB 1013 (Quirk) Energy: public domain computer program: home energy rating.

Requires the CEC to approve and make publicly available a public domain computer program that reflects adopted or updated building standards and has been tested and updated to improve accuracy for use on single-family and multifamily residential dwellings.

Status: Died in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1094 (Williams) Energy usage: plug-in equipment.

Requires the CEC, in consultation with the CPUC, to conduct an analysis of energy consumption by plug-in equipment and develop an implementation plan to achieve specified energy efficiency targets.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1330 (Bloom) Energy Efficiency.

Requires the CPUC, by June 30, 2018, in consultation with the CEC, electrical corporations, local POUs, and community choice aggregators to establish an annual goal for demand response.

Status: Chapter 812, Statutes of 2016.

AB 1333 (Quirk) Energy efficiency programs.

Requires electric and gas corporations and electric and gas POUs to require recipients of rebates or incentives from their residential or commercial energy efficiency or weatherization programs to install demand response infrastructure on the property for which the rebates or incentives are provided.

Status: Died in the Assembly Rules Committee.

AB 2141 (Ting) Energy assistance: corner stores.

Requires each electrical and gas corporation to develop a program under the direction and supervision of the CPUC that provides incentives and assistance to owners, operators, or lessees of corner stores in order to reduce their electricity and gas bills.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 765 (Wolk) Energy: California Market Transformation Administrator.

Requires the CPUC to contract with an independent entity, to be known as the California Market Transformation Administrator, to coordinate the state's energy efficiency market transformation activities.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Energy Policy (rate, design, economic development rates)

AB 1150 (Levine) Energy: University of California and California State University partnership.

Requires the University of California and the California State University, in consultation with the CEC and the CPUC, to expand their existing institutional partnership with IOUs and to include those POUs requested by the CEC to participate and who choose to participate.

Status: Chapter 597, Statutes of 2015.

AB 2339 (Irwin, Low) Net energy metering.

Specifies a method of calculating aggregated peak demand to those of POUs, irrigation districts, and electrical cooperatives with more than 25,000 accounts that they may use for the requirement to offer net energy metering (NEM) to their customers and exempts those utilities that have adopted a successor to NEM prior to January 1, 2016.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2379 (Quirk) Energy: home energy rating program: report.

Requires the CEC's biennial energy policy report to include additional information related to compare actual energy consumption in evaluations of a statewide home energy efficiency rating program.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2381 (Roger Hernández) Electricity: power outages: bill credits.

Requires an electrical corporation to establish a utility service guarantee program to provide bill credits for customer that experience power outages for each continuous 24-hour period.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2460 (Irwin) Solar thermal systems.

Extends and modifies an existing incentive program for solar water heating systems administered by IOUs under the supervision of the CPUC.

Status: Died in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2713 (Chiu) Land use: local ordinances: energy systems.

Requires cities and counties to accept electronic submissions of permit applications for advanced energy storage installations, and creates a California Energy Storage Permitting Guidebook.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2798 (Gatto) Energy conservation: power facility and site certification: notice of intention.

Requires a notice of intention to construct a power facility submitted to the CEC to include information on the extent to which the facility will increase or decrease reliance on underground natural gas storage.

Status: Died on the Senate Floor.

SB 1207 (Hueso) Energy: conservation: financial assistance.

Extends the sunset on the Energy Conservation Assistance Account program, and makes other technical and clarifying changes to the Public Resources Code relating to the CEC and the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank.

Status: Chapter 675, Statutes of 2016.

SB 1414 (Wolk) Energy.

Directs the CEC, in consultation with the Contractors' State License Board, local building officials and other stakeholders to devise a plan to promote compliance with energy efficient building standards for the installation of central air conditioning and heat pumps by January 1, 2019.

Status: Chapter 678, Statutes of 2016.

SB 1453 (De León) Electrical generation: greenhouse gases emission performance standard.

Eliminates the ability of an electrical corporation that provides electricity service to 75,000 or fewer California customers to file a proposal with the CPUC for alternative compliance with the state's GHG emission performance standard.

Status: Died on the Assembly Floor.

Energy Storage

AB 33 (Quirk) Electrical corporations: energy storage systems: long duration bulk energy storage resources.

Requires the CPUC, in coordination with the CEC, to evaluate and analyze the potential for all types of long duration bulk energy storage resources.

Status: Chapter 680, Statutes of 2016.

AB 2868 (Gatto) Energy Storage.

Requires IOUs to file applications with the CPUC for programs and investments to accelerate the widespread deployment of distributed energy storage systems.

Status: Chapter 681, Statutes of 2016.

SB 886 (Pavley) Electricity: energy storage systems.

Requires the CPUC to adopt energy storage system procurement targets applicable to electrical corporations, community choice aggregators, and the governing board of each local POU to adopt comparable energy storage procurement targets; requires each load-serving entity and locally owned public electric utility to plan for the procurement of energy storage systems before fossil-fuel-based generation; and requires each electrical corporation to propose measures to encourage customers to install energy storage systems.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Miscellaneous

AB 1453 (Bloom) Protection of orcas: unlawful activities.

Amended – Content no longer in the jurisdiction of the Utilities and Commerce Committee.

AB 1005 (Gordon) California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act: market development payments.

Amended – Content no longer in the jurisdiction of the Utilities and Commerce Committee.

AJR 28 (Oberholte) Daylight Saving Time.

Urges the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States to enact legislation that would allow a state to adopt daylight saving time year round.

Status: Resolution Chapter 167, Statutes of 2016.

SB 539 (Glazer) Public property: names: Confederate States of America.

Amended – Content no longer in the jurisdiction of the Utilities and Commerce Committee.

SB 693 (Hueso) Public contracts: skilled and trained workforce.

Amended – Content no longer in the jurisdiction of the Utilities and Commerce Committee.

SB 726 (Hueso) Corporate securities: unlawful conduct: regulations.

Amended – Content no longer in the jurisdiction of the Utilities and Commerce Committee.

SCR 48 (McGuire, Hueso) Geothermal Awareness Month and Geothermal Awareness Day.

Recognizes the month of May 2015 as Geothermal Awareness Month, and May 21, 2015, as Geothermal Awareness Day.

Status: Resolution Chapter 72, Statutes of 2015.

SJR 23 (Bates) Interim Consolidated Storage Act of 2016: San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

Urges the Congress of the United States to pass the Interim Consolidated Storage Act of 2016 and implement relocation of spent nuclear fuel from the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

Status: Resolution Chapter 76, Statutes of 2016.

Renewable Energy

AB 577 (Bonilla) Biomethane: grant program.

Requires the CEC to develop and implement a grant program for projects related to biomethane production.

Status: Died in the Senate Rules Committee.

AB 590 (Dahle, Salas) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

Allows moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to be used by the CEC to maintain the current level of biomass power generation and geothermal energy generation in the state and to revitalize currently idle facilities in strategically located regions.

Status: Died in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1773 (Obernalte) Local government renewable energy self-generation program.

Expands the Renewable Energy Self-Generation Bill Credit Transfer program to include joint powers authorities. The Renewable Energy Self-Generation Bill Credit Transfer program allows a city, county, city and county, special district, school district, political subdivision, or other local public agency to designate another account or accounts controlled by the governmental entity to receive bill credits for electricity generated by a renewable generating facility located within the boundaries of the governmental entity.

Status: Chapter 659, Statutes of 2016.

AB 1923 (Wood) Bioenergy feed-in tariff.

Increases the maximum capacity of a renewable electric generation facility allowed to enter into a must-take contract with a local electrical corporation, as specified.

Status: Chapter 663, Statutes of 2016.

AB 1979 (Bigelow) Renewable feed-in tariff: hydroelectric facilities.

Makes an exception to the feed-in-tariff program three megawatt (MW) limit on the generating capacity of an eligible electric generation facility to newly allow participation by a conduit hydroelectric facility with a nameplate generating capacity of up to four MWs that meets certain conditions.

Status: Chapter 665, Statutes of 2016.

AB 2206 (Williams) Renewable gas.

Requires the ARB to consider and, as appropriate, adopt a policy or programs to increase the production and use of renewable gas, as specified, generated by either an eligible renewable energy resource that meets the requirements of the California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program or direct solar energy, as specified.

Status: Died in Senate Rules Committee.

AB 2313 (Williams) Renewable natural gas: monetary incentive program for biomethane projects: pipeline infrastructure.

Increases ratepayer-funded incentive amounts available to encourage development of biomethane projects and directs the CPUC to consider whether to allow additional ratepayer funds to be provided for the cost of infrastructure for biomethane to interconnect with the natural gas pipeline network.

Status: Chapter 571, Statutes of 2016.

AB 2454 (Williams) Energy: procurement plans.

Modifies the procurement requirements an electrical corporation regulated by the CPUC must propose and the CPUC must approve.

Status: Chapter 826, Statutes of 2016.

AB 2630 (Salas) California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: electrical transmission planning.

Requires CAISO, when undertaking transmission planning activities, to take into account a specified report relating to solar photovoltaic system development in the San Joaquin Valley and specified principles of transmission corridor planning developed by the CEC. Requires the CEC, CPUC, and CAISO when undertaking activities as part of the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative, to take into account the above-specified report and principles.

Status: Died in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2773 (Quirk) Biomethane.

Requires the CPUC to modify the minimum heating value, the siloxane trigger, and lower action levels of biomethane.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 502 (Leno) San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District: purchase and delivery of electricity.

Authorizes the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District to purchase electricity generated by a renewable energy resource.

Status: Chapter 146, Statutes of 2015.

SB 1074 (Hueso) Energy: Federal Trust Fund: geothermal projects.

Allocates \$2.5 million, of the moneys appropriated to the CEC from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in the Federal Trust Fund for the 2016-17 fiscal year and annually thereafter, to be expended towards specified projects, including geothermal brine treatment projects.

Status: Chapter 539, Statutes of 2016.

Renewables Portfolio Standard

AB 197 (Eduardo Garcia) State Air Resources Board: greenhouse gases: regulations.

Modifies the RPS procurement process to require consideration of the statutory GHG emissions limit and grid reliability.

Status: Chapter 250, Statutes of 2016.

AB 645 (Williams, Rendon) Electricity: California Renewables Portfolio Standard.

Increases the RPS target to require that 50% of electricity come from renewable energy resources by 2030.

Status: Died in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1144 (Rendon) California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: renewable energy credits.

Alters the RPS by modifying the electricity product content categories so that unbundled renewable energy credits count in category one if the electricity is generated by an entity other than an electrical corporation and used by a wastewater treatment facility that is owned by a public entity and first put into service on or after January 1, 2016.

Status: Died in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2700 (Brown) Electrical corporation: California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: procurement plans.

Modifies the "least-cost, best-fit" criteria used by CPUC to rank contracts under the RPS to include the jobs retained by contracting with existing renewable resources.

Status: Died in the Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee.

SB 350 (De León, Leno) Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015.

Enacts the "Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015" and establishes targets to increase retail sales of renewable electricity to 50% by 2030, and double the energy efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas end uses by 2030.

Status: Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015.

SB 1393 (De León) Energy efficiency and pollution reduction.

Makes several technical, clarifying and substantive changes to the existing statute created by the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015.

Status: Chapter 677, Statutes of 2016.

Safety

AB 361 (Achadjian) Nuclear powerplants.

Extends the sunset date for the Nuclear Planning Assessment Special Account to August 26, 2025, and requires the CPUC to convene, or continue, until August 26, 2025, an independent peer review panel to conduct an independent review of enhanced seismic studies and surveys of the Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2 powerplant.

Status: Chapter 399, Statutes of 2015.

AB 853 (Roger Hernández) Electrical and gas corporations: security of plant and facilities.

Requires an IOU to utilize employees of the utility for any work associated with the design, engineering, and operation of its nuclear, electrical, and gas infrastructure, unless the utility has prior approval from the CPUC to contract out that work.

Status: Died on the Senate Floor.

AB 1800 (Hadley) Utility outage compensation claims: annual posting.

Requires an electric utility to post specified information relating to utility outage compensation claims on its Internet Web site.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1903 (Wilk) Aliso Canyon gas leak: health impact study.

Requires the CPUC to authorize a study of the long-term health impacts associated with the natural gas leak from the Aliso Canyon facility, to be conducted by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment.

Status: Died in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 119 (Hill) Protection of subsurface installations.

The Dig Safe Act of 2015 modifies laws governing excavations near subsurface installations.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor.

SB 380 (Pavley) Natural gas storage: moratorium.

Continues the moratorium on injecting natural gas into the Aliso Canyon gas storage facility, requires the Department of Conservation's Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources to complete a gas storage well comprehensive safety review, and requires the CPUC to determine the feasibility of minimizing or eliminating use of the facility, as specified.

Status: Chapter 14, Statutes of 2016.

SB 661 (Hill) Protection of subsurface installations.

Enacts the Dig Safe Act of 2016 to modify laws governing excavations near subsurface installations.

Status: Chapter 809, Statutes of 2016.

SB 968 (Monning) Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2 powerplant.

Requires the CPUC to cause an assessment of the economic impacts, for the County of San Luis Obispo and the surrounding regions that could occur if or when the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Powerplant temporarily or permanently shuts down.

Status: Chapter 674, Statutes of 2016.

SB 1028 (Hill) Electrical corporations: local publicly owned electric utilities: electrical cooperatives: wildfire mitigation plans.

Requires electric utilities to construct, maintain and operate their electric lines and equipment in a manner to minimize the risk of catastrophic wildfire, and to prepare and submit wildfire mitigation plans.

Status: Chapter 598, Statutes of 2016.

SB 1049 (Hill) Public Utilities Commission: electrical and gas corporations: close call reporting program.

Requires the CPUC to establish procedures and processes to implement a "close call reporting program" for purposes of facilitating the identification of accident precursors.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1441 (Leno, Pavley) Natural gas: methane emissions.

Prohibits, to the extent feasible, the CPUC from allowing gas corporations to seek or receive cost recovery from ratepayers for the value of natural gas lost to the atmosphere from certain natural gas facilities when establishing rates in an individual rulemaking proceeding or in general rate cases.

Status: Died on the Assembly Floor.

SB 1463 (Moorlach) Electrical lines: mitigation of wildfire risks.

Requires the CPUC, in consultation with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, to prioritize areas in which communities are subject to conditions that increase fire hazards associated with overhead utility facilities generally and at specific locations.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor.

Telecommunications

AB 238 (Mark Stone) Telecommunications: California Advanced Services Fund.

Defines "broadband" for purposes of these provisions as advanced telecommunication services with specified advertised-speeds and would authorize the CPUC to revise the definition. Makes projects that provide last-mile broadband access solely to households that are underserved also eligible for funding. Eliminates the requirement that the infrastructure projects be for unserved households or businesses, for entities that are local governments.

Status: Died in the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

AB 1262 (Wood) Telecommunications: universal service: California Advanced Services Fund.

Reallocates funding among two accounts within the CASF for purposes of encouraging broadband deployment in the state resulting in a reduction of \$5 million from the Broadband Infrastructure Revolving Loan Account and a corresponding increase to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

Status: Chapter 242, Statutes of 2015.

AB 1503 (Perea) Telecommunications universal service programs: teleconnect fund.

Requires the CPUC to include auxiliary organizations of the California State University system in the California Teleconnect Fund discount program.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1564 (Williams) Emergency services: wireless 911 calls: routing.

Requires the Office of Emergency Services, the California Highway Patrol, and county coordinators to review the states routing of 911 calls.

Status: Chapter 241, Statutes of 2016.

AB 2130 (Quirk) Telecommunications: universal service: California Advanced Services Fund.

Requires the CPUC to include auxiliary organizations of the California State University system in the California Teleconnect Fund discount program.

Status: Died in the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

AB 2395 (Low) Telecommunications: replacement of public switched telephone network.

Establishes a process for a telephone corporation to withdraw legacy public switched telephone network services and transition to Internet Protocol enabled services and networks.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2453 (Rodriguez) Emergency services: State 911 Advisory Board.

Increases the membership of the State 911 Advisory Board from 11 members to 15 members.

Status: Died on the Assembly Floor.

AB 2570 (Quirk) Telecommunications: universal service: reimbursement claims.

Makes changes to the state's LifeLine universal telephone service program specific to reimbursement procedures for wireless service provided to eligible low-income subscribers.

Status: Chapter 577, Statutes of 2016.

AB 2795 (Lopez) Telephony: unlisted numbers.

Prohibits a telephone corporation from charging subscribers for not having their residential telephone number listed in a directory or publicly available directory assistance database.

Status: Died in the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

AB 2867 (Gatto) Cable, satellite, and Internet service providers: contracts.

Requires a cable, satellite, or Internet service provider, if it enables an individual to subscribe to its services through an Internet Web site, to also enable all of its customers to cancel their subscriptions through the Internet Web site.

Status: Died on the Assembly Floor.

SB 745 (Hueso) Telecommunications: universal service: California Advanced Services Fund.

Makes various changes to the CASF including limiting funds from the Broadband Public Housing Account to unserved housing developments, extends the date remaining funds from the Public Housing Account are transferred back to other CASF Accounts, and authorizes additional applicants to apply for funds from the Rural and Urban Regional Consortia Grant Account.

Status: Chapter 710, Statutes of 2016.

SB 1055 (Hueso) Payphone Service Providers Committee.

Eliminates the Payphone Service Providers Committee, and its corresponding fund, from the Public Utilities Code.

Status: Chapter 213, Statutes of 2016.

SB 1212 (Hueso) "2-1-1" information and referral network.

Authorizes the CPUC to expend up to \$1.5 million from the California Teleconnect Fund Administrative Committee Fund to help close 2-1-1 service gaps.

Status: Chapter 841, Statutes of 2016.

SB 1422 (Glazer) Public utilities and other service suppliers: collection of local taxes.

Clarifies that cable service providers are included in the definition for other service providers, pursuant to existing law, which limits the liabilities and responsibilities of public utilities and other service providers collecting a utility user tax.

Status: Chapter 156, Statutes of 2016.

Transportation Services

AB 24 (Nazarian) Transportation network companies: public safety requirements.

Places safety-related operating requirements on charter party carriers and TNCs including prohibiting the CPUC from issuing or renewing permits or certifications to TNCs unless it participates in the Department of Motor Vehicle's Employer Pull Notice system, requires TNCs to register any vehicle with the CPUC and display a distinctive identifying symbol, and requires TNC drivers to undergo mandatory controlled substance and alcohol testing.

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 828 (Low, Chang) Vehicles: transportation services.

Excludes from the definition of "commercial vehicle," any motor vehicle operated in connection with a TNC.

Status: Died in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 886 (Chau) Transportation service network provider: passenger privacy.

Requires transportation service network providers to adopt certain privacy standards pertaining to a passenger's personally identifiable data.

Status: Died in the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

AB 1008 (Quirk) Public utilities: sale of hydrogen to public as a motor vehicle fuel.

Provides that the ownership or operation of a facility that sells hydrogen at retail to the public for use only as a motor vehicle fuel does not make the corporation or person a public utility solely because of that ownership, operation, or sale.

Status: Chapter 109, Statutes of 2015.

AB 1289 (Cooper) Transportation network companies: participating drivers: penalties.

Requires a TNC to conduct a criminal background check for each participating driver.

Status: Chapter 740, Statutes of 2016.

AB 1360 (Ting) Charter-party carriers of passengers: individual fare exemption.

Allows charter-party carriers of passengers, including TNCs, to charge individual fares rather than a single group fare when providing carpool services.

Status: Died in the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee.

AB 1422 (Cooper) Transportation network companies.

Requires TNCs to participate in the Department of Motor Vehicles Employer Pull Notice System.

Status: Chapter 791, Statutes of 2015.

AB 1574 (Chiu) Vehicles of charter-party carriers of passengers and passenger stage corporations.

Requires, beginning January 1, 2018, the CPUC, in collaboration with the Department of Motor Vehicles, to verify that the buses, limousines, and modified limousines used by a passenger stage corporation or a charter-party carrier have been reported and meets safety requirements.

Status: Died on the Senate Floor.

AB 2603 (Nazarian) Public Utilities Commission: Passenger Charter-party Carriers' Act: complaint registration and resolution mechanism.

Requires the CPUC to establish a telephone communication service for the public to communicate any concern or complaints related to charter party carriers, including TNCs.

Status: Died in the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

AB 2763 (Gatto) Transportation network companies: personal vehicles.

Defines "personal vehicle" relating to TNCs.

Status: Chapter 766, Statutes of 2016.

AB 2777 (Nazarian) Transportation network company: employment: convictions and arrests.

Allows, but does not require, a TNC to ask the Department of Justice to provide state summary criminal history information for its employees and contractors.

Status: Died on the Assembly Floor.

SB 541 (Hill) Public Utilities Commission: for-hire transportation carriers: enforcement.

Codifies recommendations from the State Auditor's report on strengthening the CPUC's oversight of transportation-related activities of household good and charter-party carriers.

Status: Chapter 718, Statutes of 2015.