# **Innovation in CPUC Energy Proceedings**

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## **Procedural Background**

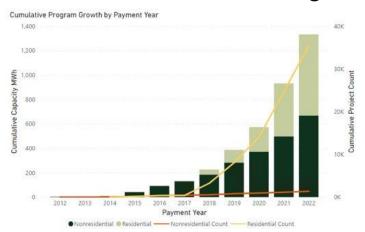
Commission decisions require EPIC projects to align with Commission proceedings

- **D.15-04-020**: EPIC projects and CPUC proceedings should be coordinated.
- **D.18-10-008:** Reiterated EPIC investments must align with key Commission and California energy innovation needs and goals.
- **D.18-10-052:** Directed Policy + Innovation Coordination Group's (PICG) role is to support the development of the administrators' capacity to understand Commission policies and proceedings, and how their projects best align.

## **Coordinating EPIC & ED Proceedings**

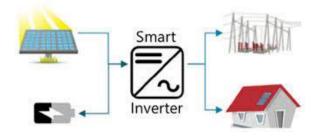
Innovation Pathway(s)	CPUC Proceeding	Proceeding Topic
Grid Modernization	R.13-11-005	Energy Efficiency
Equity	R.18-04-019	Climate Change Adaptation
Grid Modernization	R.18-12-006	Transportation Electrification
Changing Paradigms due to Electrification	R.19-01-011	Building Decarbonization
Grid Modernization	R.19-09-009	Microgrids
New and Emerging Technologies, Grid Modernization	R.20-05-003	Integrated Resource Planning
Equity	R.20-08-022	Clean Energy Financing
Grid Modernization	R.21-06-017	Grid Modernization for High Distributed Energy Resources (DER)

## Impact with Innovation: Technology



#### **Self-Generation Incentive Program**

**Smart Inverters** 



PG&E White Paper "Enabling Smart Inverters for Distribution Grid Services"

Self-Generation Incentive Program database: <u>SGIP | Resources</u> (selfgenca.com)

#### **Microgrids Incentive Program**



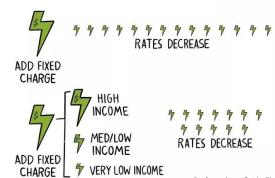
https://www.microgridknowledge.com/google-newsfeed/article/11427067/what-is-a-microgrid-watch-this-video

## **Impact with Innovation: Strategies**

#### Distribution Planning/Distributed Energy Resources



### **Income Graduated Fixed Charges**



Reforming CA's Electric Rates for Decarbonization and Equity (nrdc.org)

### Market Transformation – Energy Efficiency Proceeding

