Board Strategic Development Committee Meeting and Special Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 3, 2021
Time: Scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting, Online

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AGENDA
BOARD STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
AND SPECIAL SMUD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, August 3, 2021
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Zoom Webinar Link: Join Strategic Development Committee Meeting Here
Webinar ID: 161 429 9873
Password: 641910
Phone Dial-in Number: 1-669-254-5252

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This Committee meeting is noticed as a joint meeting with the Board of Directors for compliance with the Brown Act. In order to preserve the function of the Committee as advisory to the Board, members of the Board may attend and participate in the discussions, but no Board action will be taken. The Policy Committee will review, discuss and provide the Committee’s recommendation on the following:
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Rachel Huang
   Provide the Board with external and internal presentations followed by a panel discussion on the technical and operational aspects of microgrids, the implementation of microgrid policy at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and SMUD’s consideration of microgrids in contributing to the achievement of the 2030 Zero Carbon Plan goals and objectives.

   **Presenters and Panel Participants:**
   Jacqueline Baum, Engineer/Scientist III
   Integration of Distributed Energy Resources (DER), Microgrids and Distributed Energy Resources Management Systems (DERMS)
   ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE (EPRI)

   Dr. Arindam Maitra, Senior Technical Executive
   Integrated Grid Energy System (IGES)
   Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Integration, Energy Storage and Microgrids, Power Delivery and Utilization
   ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE (EPRI)

   Jessica Tse, Senior Regulatory Analyst – Resiliency & Microgrids, Energy Division
   CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC)

   Rachel Huang, Director, Customer & Grid Strategy
   SMUD

   Presentation: 30 minutes
   Discussion: 30 minutes

2. Public Comment

3. Gregg Fishman
   Summary of Committee Direction.
   Discussion: 1 minute

Pursuant to Resolution No. 20-06-08 adopted on June 18, 2020, Emergency Board Meeting Procedures are in effect:

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ADA Accessibility Procedures: Upon request, SMUD will generally provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so that they can participate equally in this virtual meeting. If you need a reasonable auxiliary aid or service for effective communication to participate, please email Toni.Stelling@smud.org, or contact by phone at (916) 732-7143, no later than 48 hours before this virtual meeting.
NARRATIVE: Briefing on President Biden’s Energy Plan

Requested Action: Provide the Board with external and internal presentations followed by a panel discussion on the technical and operational aspects of microgrids, the implementation of microgrid policy at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and SMUD’s consideration of microgrids in contributing to the achievement of the 2030 Zero Carbon Plan goals and objectives.

Summary: Representatives from the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and SMUD will be presenting a panel discussion on August 3rd regarding microgrids. The discussion will cover the technical and operational aspects of microgrids, the implementation of microgrid policy at the CPUC (SB 1339, Chapter 566, Statutes of 2018) and SMUD’s consideration of microgrids in contributing to the achievement of the 2030 Zero Carbon Plan goals and objectives.

Board Policy: SD-4, Reliability; SD-9, Resource Planning; SD-10, Innovation

Benefits: Increase the Board’s knowledge of microgrids including technologies involved, operational modes, potential benefits of microgrids, and SMUD’s plan for determining the values and benefits associated with the potential development and operation of microgrids relative to the goals and objectives of the 2030 Zero Carbon Plan. Additionally, allows for the Board to gain an understanding of how the CPUC is implementing the policy requirements of the microgrid legislation SB 1339 for its own consideration of the policy obligations of publicly owned utilities per SB 1339.

Cost/Budgeted: This informational item has no direct budgetary impact.

Alternatives: Do not hold the panel discussion; receive an update via written report.


Coordination: Board Office, Executive Office, Customer and Grid Strategy

Presenter: 

Presenters & Panel Participants: 
Jacqueline Baum, Engineer/Scientist III 
Integration of Distributed Energy Resources (DER), Microgrids and Distributed Energy Resources 
Management Systems (DERMS), Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) 
Dr. Arindam Maitra, Senior Technical Executive 
Integrated Grid Energy System (IGES), Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Integration, Energy 
Storage and Microgrids, Power Delivery and Utilization, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) 
Jessica Tse, Senior Regulatory Analyst 
Resiliency & Microgrids, Energy Division, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) 
Rachel Huang, Director, Customer & Grid Strategy, SMUD

Additional Links:

Microgrids & Resiliency Benefits
Jacqueline Baum is an engineer and conducts research on Microgrid Integration and Distributed Energy Resources Management Systems (DERMS) at EPRI. She leads EPRI’s growing work addressing microgrid requirements and challenges and proposing practical solutions to support advancement of microgrids.

She joined EPRI in 2020, bringing years of industry experience designing and implementing microgrid and DERMS control systems. She has worked as a power systems engineer for multiple DER controls vendors.

Jacqueline holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering - Energy Systems from the University of British Columbia and an M.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Washington.
Dr. Arindam Maitra
Senior Technical Executive
Integrated Grid Energy System (IGES)
DER Integration, Energy Storage and Microgrids
Power Delivery and Utilization
Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)

Dr. Arindam Maitra is a Senior Technical Executive at the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).

Over the years he has been responsible for leading and managing activities related to the power system infrastructure for plug-in hybrid vehicles, microgrids, and integrating distributed energy resources with distribution management systems.

Maitra received his Bachelor of Engineering degree from the Regional Engineering College, Nagpur, India, and holds a Master of Science and a doctorate degree in electrical engineering from Mississippi State University. Arindam is an active member in some of the working groups at IEEE and IAS.
Jessica Tse
Senior Analyst, Resiliency and Microgrids
Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission

Jessica Tse is currently a Senior Analyst on the Resiliency and Microgrids team for the CPUC. Previously, she was the Distributed Energy Resources Specialist for the City and County of San Francisco, where she worked to facilitate the use of distributed energy resources, in support of the city’s goal to achieve 100% renewable electricity by 2030.

Prior to joining SFE, Ms. Tse implemented the Low Income Weatherization Program, as the program manager at the Association for Energy Affordability, Inc., to provide energy efficiency upgrades, solar thermal and PV to multifamily buildings in disadvantaged communities statewide. Previously, she was part of Pacific Gas & Electric’s energy procurement team where she managed Power Purchase Agreements of various types of renewable energy, from solar PV to cogeneration.

Ms. Tse holds a BS in Conservation Resource Studies from the University of California, Berkeley.
**Request Action:** Provide a summary of committee direction from the Board to Staff.

**Summary:** During a Board discussion at the January 2017 Policy Committee, the Board requested having an on-going opportunity to do a wrap up period at the end of each committee meeting to summarize various Board member suggestions and requests that were made at the meeting in an effort to make clear the will of the Board. The Committee Chair will summarize Board member requests that come out of the committee presentations for this meeting.

**Board Policy:** GP-4 Agenda Planning states the Board will focus on the results the Board wants the organization to achieve.

**Benefits:** Having an agendized opportunity to summarize the Board’s requests and suggestions that arise during the committee meeting will help clarify what the will of the Board.

**Cost/Budgeted:** N/A

**Alternatives:** Not summarize the Board’s requests at this meeting.

**Affected Parties:** Board of Directors and Executive Staff

**Coordination:** Donna Lofton, Special Assistant to the Board

**Presenter:** Gregg Fishman, Strategic Development Committee Chair