

**CALIFORNIA CITY-COUNTY STREET LIGHT
ASSOCIATION
(CAL-SLA)**

**Update on Status of CPUC Cases
Tuesday, November 21, 2000**

Members of the CAL-SLA Executive Committee and Support Staff --

PG&E's Phase 2 of its 1999 General Rate Case has been delayed again. Rebuttal testimony is due January 16, 2001 and evidentiary hearings will begin March 5, 2001.

SCE's Post-Transition Rate Design proceeding has also been delayed. Intervener testimony will not be due any earlier than January 2, 2001.

On November 16, SCE filed a rate stabilization plan application regarding the setting of rates to recover the electric commodity prices charged by the California Power Exchange. The CPUC has not set a schedule yet or held a prehearing conference. CAL-SLA will need to actively participate in this application, because it will affect rates for streetlights and traffic control signals.

Regarding SDG&E and the ceiling on the electric commodity rate, there is a proposed draft decision which would allow large electric customers to voluntarily choose the rate ceiling, subject to a later "true-up". Presently, the CPUC-authorized ceiling on the electric commodity component of bills for residential, small commercial, and street light customers is 6.5 cents/kWh.

During the last week, electricity prices at the California Power Exchange have been extremely high, hitting the de facto ceiling of 25 cents/kWh. The California Independent System Operator has called four transmission grid emergencies; there is not sufficient power generation, even though demand is relatively low. Electricity prices in traditional off-peak hours have been 10 times last year's prices. The Power Crisis continues.