

**Dockets UE-990473 and UG-990294**  
**Electric/Gas Rule-making teams**

**May11 meeting**  
**Agenda**

**ITEMS FROM MAY 4, MEETING:**

1. Issues list.

**NEW ITEMS:**

1. Comments from interested parties (how and where in DD).
2. List of rules without issues list as of 11:00 AM.
3. "Issues" list. Draft to avoid misperceptions by interested parties: short questions list.

**ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD:**

1. Issues list.

**TIMELINE:**

- 3/31-5/5 - Staff develops issues list. Staff analyzes rules in accord with Exec Order 97-02, re-writing only for clarity and reorganization. .**
- 5/5 - Initial comments due.**
- 5/6-16 - Staff incorporates initial comments into issues list.**
- 5/17 - Issues list sent to parties.**
- 6/3 - Initial Workshop!**
- TENTATIVE*
- 6/4-16 - Staff incorporates workshop comments into draft.**
- 6/17 - Drafts sent to parties for comment.**
- 7/15 - Commissioner Conference.**
- 7/28 - CR 102 Open meeting.**
- 8/18 - CR 102 Filed.**
- 9/17 - CR 102 Comments Due.**
- 10/11 - Commissioner Conference.**
- 10/27 - Final Open Meeting for Adoption.**



**Gas & Electric Rulemaking 480 - 90 & 100**  
**May 11, 1999**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Mert Lott, Kim West, Mark Anderson, Ken Hua, Graciela Etchart, Jim Russell, Hank McIntosh, Pam Smith, Tani Thurston, Vicki Elliott, Roland Martin, Mike Parvinen, Penny Hansen, Steve Rieger, Jeffrey Showman & Sher L. Hadfield

**Discussion:**

Graciela brought the meeting to order. The Commission has received comments from the three regulated companies. Sharyn Bate created a table to keep track of comments received and responses sent. Sharyn will provide support for the rulemaking committee and Sher will be responsible for the meeting minutes. PSE's comments have been posted along with NW Industrial Gas Users and Cost Management Services. Most comments are about Least Cost Planning, Accounting and Consumer issues.

Jim stated the list of issues is pretty complete and he appreciates the hard work and input from the teams. Not all staff have reviewed the issues entered into the database by the leads. Please take a moment today to do so. Jim and Graciela will be preparing a draft of the issues list to be mailed. Please review it carefully so that all changes can be made before the final version is mailed.

Graciela reminded the group to call the issues "items for discussion" and to be careful not to state the position of the Commission. Jim stated individual and detailed issues will be dealt with later. The issues list is still scheduled to be mailed by May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to put your issues, comments and questions on the database. There may be a need to call emergency meetings with the groups involved with each discipline this week because we're behind and the issues list needs to be mailed on Monday

**Q&A**

**Tani** - Are we sending out all the issues at this time, or just the important ones?

Graciela will discuss this further with LAPD and will wait to answer Tani's question until then. Jim envisions they'll try to create main topics for discussion for the workshops and you will all have access to that information on the database. Please read through to assure all rules have been included. This list will allow a rule by rule discussion at the workshop.

**Vicki** - Will you tell the group when the list is finished?

Jim - Yes.

**Jeffrey S.** - It seems there are so many issues, will their be simultaneous discussions during the workshop?

Jim stated that the rules will be discussed by discipline and that the plan is to carry on several discussions at once.

**Roland** - We may miss some issues this way.

Jim said that is possible and if need be, there will be more workshops later. He suggested scheduling dates for future workshops. Mert mentioned that Marjorie suggested that the time frame between May 17<sup>th</sup> and the CR102 should be spread out to allow time for more workshops.

**Tani** - Do you and LAPD have some basis for how you will include issues?

Jim - We'll need to work with you to determine that. The accounting and metering issues are pretty straightforward, but the consumer issues need more work.

**Tani** - Can we talk about comments received in the database? Who inputs the comments?

Jim stated they need to be put in the database to keep the information centralized, and that Graciela and Jim will input the comments so they can be kept in a consistent format. There is a need for meetings with the teams for each discipline this week to finalize issues and to place their comments into the database. These meetings should take place Wednesday or Thursday of this week so they can be reviewed on Friday.

**Roland** - So far you've incorporated issues and comments into the database and most are listed as problems. May we recommended solutions at this time?

Graciela stated the solutions and our position should not be included until after the workshop.

**Mark** - Can a solution be suggested at this time?

Jim stated that no solutions (ours or theirs) should be included at this time, but you can list options for solutions under the issue in the database. The final issues paper is not the place for solutions.

**Jeffrey S.** - The PSE comments are an imbedded Word Perfect 8 document, and can not be copied from the database. You must open the document and cut and paste from there.

**Mert** - Where will you put alternative forms of ratemaking (Avista).

Jim said to include them with the General topics. Jim asked that since they can't verify teams have reviewed the issues input by their leads, that you do so at this time.

**Mike** - Even if you read them and had no comments, do you still need to click the review cycle button?

Jim - Yes, hit the agree button or put in a comment as to why you disagree. Reviewing and closing the document without pressing the button does not show you reviewed them.