



# Rule 21 Working Group 2 Kick Off Phone Call

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MARCH 14, 2018

2PM – 3PM PDT

# Agenda

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Purpose – *CPUC Energy Division*

Overview of Working Group 2 – *Gridworks*

Introduction to Scoped Issues – *Gridworks*

Potential Schedule and Next Steps – *Gridworks*

# Purpose

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**Objective:** The objective of the Rule 21 Working Group is to develop proposals to address the issues of this specific Working Group (Issues 6, 8, 9, 10, 11). This Working Group is responsible for developing a final report for recommending proposals to address the issues posed in the scoping ruling.

The [Scoping Memo](#) directs Working Group Two to develop proposals to address issues related to Integration Capacity Analysis and streamlining interconnection.

# Overview of Working Group 2

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**Gridworks** is the facilitator of the Working Group, and is tasked with developing the Work Plan, facilitating the workshops, and facilitate development of issue proposals and final report.

**CPUC Energy Division** plays an active co-facilitation role and is authorized with oversight of the Working Group.

**The Joint IOUs** play a role in developing the agenda, developing issue proposals, and will file the final report.

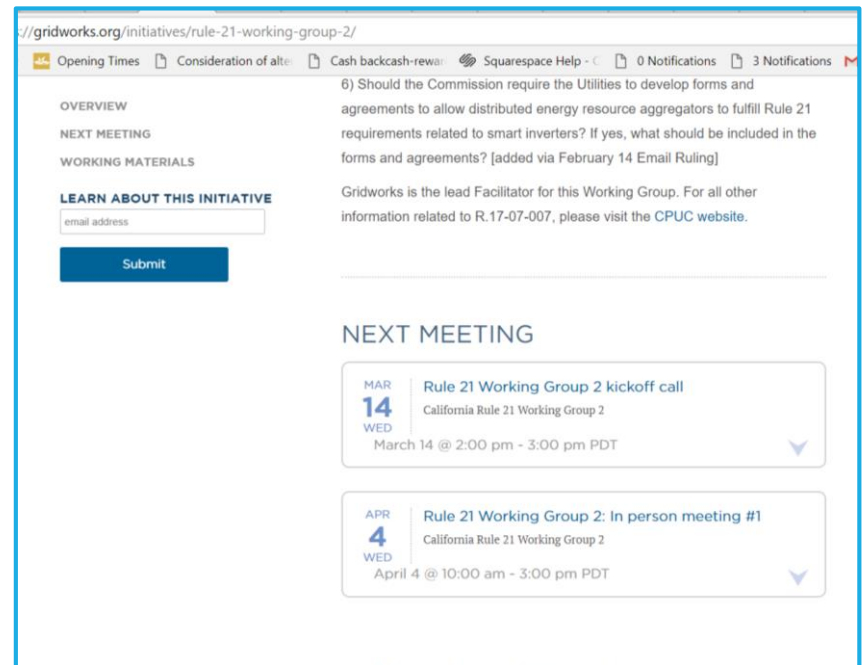
Working Group will meet March 15 – September 15, 2018. The Joint IOUs will file the Final Report, due September 17 (Monday)

# Overview of Working Group 2

To participate in the Working Group, please visit

<http://www.gridworks.org/initiatives/rule-21-working-group-2>

Gridworks will maintain a participation list, meeting notifications, and updated meeting materials on the website.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://gridworks.org/initiatives/rule-21-working-group-2/>. The page has a navigation menu at the top with items like "Opening Times", "Consideration of alternative", "Cash back/rebate", "Squarespace Help", "0 Notifications", and "3 Notifications". The main content area is divided into sections: "OVERVIEW", "NEXT MEETING", "WORKING MATERIALS", and "LEARN ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE". The "LEARN ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE" section contains an "email address" input field and a "Submit" button. The "NEXT MEETING" section lists two upcoming meetings: "Rule 21 Working Group 2 kickoff call" on March 14 at 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm PDT, and "Rule 21 Working Group 2: In person meeting #1" on April 4 at 10:00 am - 3:00 pm PDT. The page also features a sidebar with a question: "6) Should the Commission require the Utilities to develop forms and agreements to allow distributed energy resource aggregators to fulfill Rule 21 requirements related to smart inverters? If yes, what should be included in the forms and agreements? [added via February 14 Email Ruling]". Below this question, it states: "Gridworks is the lead Facilitator for this Working Group. For all other information related to R.17-07-007, please visit the CPUC website."

# Overview of Working Group 2 - Issues

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## **5 Issues scoped for Working Group 2**

We would like to begin better understanding Working Group perspectives on scope and prioritization on each of these issues.

Following this webinar, Gridworks will send around a request for preliminary written comments on 1) what is directly in and out of scope for each issue, and 2) what issues do you see as priority to address at the outset of the Working Group?

These preliminary written comments and input from the April 4 workshop will be used to develop the first draft of the Scoping Memo.

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**Issue 8:** How should the Commission incorporate the results of the Integration Capacity Analysis into Rule 21 to inform interconnection siting decisions, streamline the Fast Track process for projects that are proposed below the integration capacity at a particular point on the system, and facilitate interconnection process automation?

**Issue 9:** What conditions of operations should the Commission adopt in interconnection applications and agreements to allow distributed energy resources to perform within existing hosting capacity constraints and avoid triggering upgrades?

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**Issue 10:** How can the Commission coordinate the ICA and each Utility's Rule 21 processes with the Rule 2, Rule 15, and Rule 16 processes in order to improve efficiency of the overall interconnection process? This is a coordination issue at this time. However, modifications to Rules 2, 15, or 16 will be addressed if necessary.

**Issue 11:** Should the Commission adopt a notification-based approach in lieu of an interconnection application for non-exporting storage systems that have a negligible impact on the distribution system? If so, what should the approach entail?



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**Issue 6:** Should the Commission require the Utilities to develop forms and agreements to allow DER aggregators to fulfill Rule 21 requirements related to smart inverters? If yes, what should be included in the forms and agreements?

*This was originally a Smart Inverter Working Group topic, now assigned to WG2.*

# Overview of Working Group 2 – Scoping Memos

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Per the scoping: “in preparation for the first meeting of each working group, working group members should prepare a summary of each of the issues assigned to the working group as well as relevant framing questions or considerations to move forward with the issue” (pg. 11).

Gridworks, IOUs, and other interested stakeholders will use the stakeholder feedback submissions after March 14 and the April 4 workshop’s presented information and resulting stakeholder discussion to develop scoping memos for each topic.

Gridworks may hold the pen and coordinate additional conversations with WG members to develop collaborative scoping memos

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## – Issue Proposals

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Interested stakeholders who would like to present a proposal to the WG should draft a written proposal 3 days prior to WG meetings. The issue proposal should include:

- Summary of recommendation
- Background of issue and challenges
- Proposed next steps

These issue proposals will be presented at the WG meeting and provide a framework for discussion, questions, comments, initial feedback, etc. Stakeholders may develop presentation slides as necessary. Issue proposals can represent the viewpoints of multiple organizations.

# Overview of Working Group 2 – Proposed Schedule

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## **Proposed schedule:**

The WG will meet regularly, both in-person and remotely. An in-person meeting will be scheduled once every 3 weeks at the CPUC from 10am – 3pm.

Regular weekly calls will be scheduled from 3pm – 5pm, and will be modified or moved as necessary.

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## Example Schedule:

*Wed, March 14*

**Wed, April 4**

*Wed, April 11*

*Tues, April 17*

**Tues, April 24**

Remaining schedule to follow...

*Italicized – remote participation*

**Bold – in person**

*Request for Working Group feedback:*

- ***Does this schedule and timing work?***
- ***Is a mix of Tuesday and Wednesday meetings okay?***
- ***Could WG members attend at least SCE and SDG&E-hosted workshops if given sufficient advance notice?***

# Next Meeting

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**Wednesday, April 4, 10:00 – 3:00 pm (CPUC)**

This meeting will focus on initially scoping the 5 issue proposals, and beginning an educational component explaining ICA.

Please see the website for pre-reading assignments. Gridworks will be in touch with the additional pre-workshop requests for feedback.

Please register online for the workshop and sign up for the distribution list.

*If you have already registered for the distribution list with SCE, you do not have to re-register.*

Questions? Email [lwang@gridworks.org](mailto:lwang@gridworks.org)