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Bay Area Chapter

NEWSLETTER

July 2001

Meeting Information
Tuesday,
July 31st

AEE Bay Area Chapter Presents

Joint Meeting With Bay Area Energy

Alliance:

PG&E's New Load Management Programs

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Networking & no-host Cocktails

7:00 p.m.

Dinner

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Presentation

Location:

Best Western Monarch Hotel, Dublin CA

Cost: \$38.00

\$15.00/Students

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Not only have we saved an enormous amount of energy, we have improved business profitability and maybe most importantly, staved off any real economic hit to result from this year's crisis.

The worst of summer is yet to come and we may have blackouts yet. We've had a dry year which means that much of our hydro supply may literally dry up by August when the real high temperatures hit. Also the State's power marketers are warning that we're importing a lot of excess capacity from the Western desert states like Arizona, New Mexico, and Nevada, that may not be there when we get to the worst of their hot & dry season. So stay tuned, we're not out of the woods yet.

Which brings me to my central question for this month: **Who's running the energy efficiency programs for next year?** I've heard a lot of scuttlebutt lately that would indicate that it may not be the Utility Distribution Companies (UDC's). In an open letter to the CPUC, Southern California Edison has stated that it "has no choice but to believe that it is the Commission's intent to terminate our administration of energy efficiency programs at the end of this year". In the letter they cite Commission Law 2 that states that "interim utility administration of energy efficiency programs should not continue past December 31, 2001." I've heard similar rumblings concerning PG&E and SDG&E's administration of programs.

President's Message

IT'S ALMOST 2002 - DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS ARE?

We're already half way through the dreaded summer of 2001 and so far the much ballyhooed rolling blackouts have yet to materialize. This is great news and we can all congratulate ourselves on the 12% reduction that we have achieved over last year's consumption. This is a tremendous victory for energy efficiency & consumer conservation and one that we should make sure that the supply-side naysayers hear about.

If the UDC's are not going to run them next year then who is? We need an answer to that question immediately. Has there been an RFP issued yet (this year - 1998 doesn't count) to solicit bidders for the work? I haven't seen it yet. Are we to believe that over the next 6 months the PUC is going to issue an RFP, select a bidder, and finalize a contract? And that contractor is going to design a program portfolio, hire subcontractors, develop program materials, incentives, etc. in time for a January rollout? Call me a cynic but I don't think so.

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AEE Bay Area Chapter strives to provide quality professional development opportunities that build knowledge and skills through meetings, seminars and publications. Emphasis is placed on:

- ? Assessing the applicability of emerging technologies, and
- ? Improving the performance and reliability of current technologies.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month. All interested persons are welcome to attend, participate and join the Chapter. If you are interested in joining the AEE Bay Area Chapter, contact Ryan Wood (800) 770-8539.

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In today's (7/13/01) PUC All Parties Meeting, Commissioner Lynch seemed to agree. At the meeting the NRDC, who's objective and expert opinion tends to carry a lot weight with the commission, praised the UDC's work this year, even referring to them as heroes for their progress in energy efficiency. Commissioner Lynch also praised the utility administrators, lauding their efforts for subscribing their programs and reaching their goals early. Although not an official decision, Commissioner Lynch's remarks bode well for continued utility administration next year.

If the commission is going to leave the administration with the UDC's, as it now appears they might, we need to know that too as soon as possible. They need to be working now on next year's programs if they are going to have a chance of meeting program goals next year. And the PUC owes it the employees of the UDC's to let them know if their jobs are going to exist next year. There are hundreds of people at the three major investor-owned utilities who work solely on the administration of these programs. They deserve to know what is going on sooner rather than later.

So I hope that the PUC can issue a final decision soon. We need to be working now on next year's energy efficiency programs. That way our community can keep up the momentum that we've achieved this summer to help with the demand side of the supply/demand equation in 2002.

– Jim Kelsev. Chapter President

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For additional information, contact Jim Cole, (510) 642-7565 (James.Cole@ucop.edu).

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- ?? Receiving a monthly newsletter containing information on meetings, events, and job openings
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