

CPUC Public Agenda 3505

Thursday, April 7, 2022, 11:00 a.m.

Commissioners:

Alice Reynolds, President

Clifford Rechtschaffen

Genevieve Shiroma

Darcie L. Houck

John R.D. Reynolds

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California Public
Utilities Commission

CPUC Mission

We Empower California through:

- Assuring utility services are clean and safe.
- Providing for critical services and infrastructure.
- Designing rates that are fair and reasonable.
- Protecting the interests of consumers and ratepayers

CPUC Core Values



Accountability



Excellence



Integrity



**Open
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Stewardship

Commissioner Code of Conduct

- I. Commissioners should conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect for the public, for fellow Commissioners, and for Commission staff.
- II. Commission meetings should be opportunities for a full and respectful exchange of ideas and the responsible execution of Commission duties.
- III. Serving on the Commission is an honor and Commissioners should treat their colleagues at the Commission with respect for the varied backgrounds, skills and interests that each one brings.
- IV. Commissioners are public officials who should uphold the integrity of their office at all times.

Public Comment

- Per Resolution ALJ-412, **any member of the public** (excluding parties and their representatives) **who wishes to address the CPUC about matters before the Commission** may comment in person at the Commission meeting or may call in to toll-free number:



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- Public Comment is not permitted on the following items:
 - 18, 21, 39, 39A

Public Agenda Changes

Items shown on the Consent Agenda will be taken up and voted on as a group in one of the first items of business of each CPUC meeting.

- Items on Today's Consent Agenda are:
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, and 38.
- Any Commissioner, with consent of the other Commissioners, may request an item from the Regular Agenda be moved to the Consent Agenda prior to the meeting.
- **Items 43 and 48** from the Regular Agenda have been added to the Consent Agenda.
- Any Commissioner may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion on the Regular Agenda prior to the meeting.
- **Items 13 and 35** have been moved to the Regular Agenda.
- **No Item** has been withdrawn.
- The following items have been held to future Commission Meetings:
 - **Held to 4/21/22: 7 and 37.**

Regular Agenda

- Each item on the Regular Agenda (and its alternate if any) will be introduced by the assigned Commissioner or CPUC staff and discussed before it is moved for a vote.
- For each agenda item, a summary of the proposed action is included on the agenda; the CPUC's final decision may, however, differ from that proposed.
- The complete text of every Proposed Decision or Draft Resolution is available for download on the CPUC's website: www.cpuc.ca.gov
- Late changes to agenda items are available on the Virtual Escutia Table.

Regular Agenda | Orders and Resolutions

Item #13 [20451] – Order Instituting Rulemaking to Review Procedures Regarding the Acquisition of Water Utilities Under the Commission's Jurisdiction

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Order Instituting Rulemaking to review the existing guiding framework set forth in Decision 99-10-064 (consistent with the Public Water System Investment and Consolidation Act of 1997) regarding acquisitions involving water utilities under the Commission's jurisdiction.

Quasi-Legislative

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Opens a new Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR) to review the existing framework as set forth in Commission Decision 99-10-064 regarding acquisitions of regulated water utilities under the Commission's jurisdiction.
- This OIR seeks to improve and revise the current acquisition process.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no immediate safety considerations associated with this decision.
- Improving the acquisition process of smaller regulated water utilities may promote the Commission's safety goals.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs known at this time.

Regular Agenda | Intervenor Compensation Orders

Item #35 [20477] – Intervenor Compensation to Environmental Defense Fund

R.18-12-006

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Continue the Development of Rates and Infrastructure for Vehicle Electrification.

Quasi-Legislative

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Awards Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) \$39,270.00 for substantial contribution to Decision (D) 20-12-027 and D.20-12-029, which adopted strategies and metrics to further the integration of electric vehicles as electrical grid resources, and fulfills obligations imposed on the Commission by Senate Bill 676. EDF originally requested \$40,717.50.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Substantial contribution by intervenors, as found here, enhances the Commission's ability to resolve safety and other issues under Public Utilities Code Section 451 to take all actions "necessary to promote the safety, health, comfort, and convenience of its patrons, employees, and the public." There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

ESTIMATED COST:

- \$39,270.00, plus interest, to be paid by the ratepayers of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company.

Regular Agenda | Energy Orders

Item #39 [19962] – Modified Presiding Officer's Decision Addressing Order to Show Cause Why Southern California Gas Company is Entitled to Shareholder Incentives for Energy Efficiency Codes and Standards Advocacy, and Other Reasonable Remedies

R.13-11-005

Order Instituting Rulemaking Concerning Energy Efficiency Rolling Portfolios, Policies, Programs, Evaluation, and Related Issues.

Adjudicatory

Comr. Shiroma - Judge Kao

Regular Agenda | Energy Orders (continued)

Item #39A [20187] – Decision Different of Commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen

R.13-11-005

Order Instituting Rulemaking Concerning Energy Efficiency Rolling Portfolios, Policies, Programs, Evaluation, and Related Issues.

Adjudicatory

Comr. Rechtschaffen

Regular Agenda | Energy Orders (continued)

Item #40 [20356] – Revisions to General Order 156 - Commission's Supplier Diversity Program

R.21-03-010

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Revise General Order 156 to Include Certain Electric Service Providers and Community Choice Aggregators and Encourage Voluntary Participation by Other Non-Utility Entities Pursuant to Senate Bill 255; Consider LGBT Business Enterprise Voluntary Target Procurement Percentage Goals; Incorporate Disabled Business Enterprises; Modify the Required Reports and Audits; and Update Other Related Matters.

Quasi-Legislative

Comr. Rechtschaffen – Judge DeAngelis

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Implements Senate Bill 255 (Bradford, Stat. 2019, Ch. 407) to revise the Commission's Supplier Diversity Program in General Order 156 (GO 156) by incorporating community choice aggregators, electric service providers, and additional utilities that meet the statutory revenue thresholds.
- Adopts additional revisions to GO 156, as follows: (1) adds a procurement goal for LGBT business enterprises; (2) adds business enterprises owned and controlled by persons with disabilities; (3) adds workforce and board diversity reporting requirements; and (4) other updates.
- This proceeding remains open.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this decision.

Regular Agenda | Energy Orders (continued)

Item #41 [20365] – Self-Generation Incentive Program Heat Pump Water Heater Incentives R.20-05-012

Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Policies, Procedures and Rules for the Self-Generation Incentive Program and Related Issues.

Quasi-Legislative

Comr. Rechtschaffen - Judge Fogel

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Establishes budgets and program requirements for Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) heat pump water heater (HPWH) incentives.
- Directs gas investor-owned utilities (IOU) (Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company) to allocate \$40 million from their respective 2023 Cap-and-Trade allowance auction revenues to fund additional SGIP HPWH incentives.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- There are no safety considerations associated with this decision.

ESTIMATED COST:

- Decision (D.) 19-09-027 and D.20-01-021 allocated \$44.7 million towards SGIP HPWH incentives. This decision allocates \$40 million in gas IOU 2023 Cap-and-Trade allowance auction revenues for SGIP HPWH incentives. D.20-01-021 approved collection of \$830 million in revenues for all SGIP incentives through 2025..

Regular Agenda | Energy Orders (continued)

Item #42 [20424] – Development of Community Based Organization Pilot to Reduce Energy Utility Customer Bill Debt Accumulated During the Coronavirus Pandemic

R.21-02-014

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Address Energy Utility Customer Bill Debt Accumulated During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Ratesetting

Comr. Houck - Judge Watts-Zagha

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Directs Pacific Gas and Electric Company to convene a Working Group of diverse representation to develop and file proposal for Investor-Owned Utilities' Community Based Organization Arrears Case Management Pilot.
- Directs Investor-Owned Utilities to transform Community Based Organization Network Template into Community Based Organization Database and Map and publish for public consumption.
- Closes the proceeding.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Ensures continuation of essential electricity and gas service to customers subject to service disconnection due to nonpayment of bills.

ESTIMATED COST:

- There are no costs associated with this decision.

Regular Agenda | Communication Orders

Item #44 [20416] – Federal Funding Account Rules

R.20-09-001

Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Broadband Infrastructure Deployment and to Support Service Providers in the State of California.

Quasi-Legislative

Comr. Alice Reynolds - Judge Glegola

PROPOSED OUTCOME:

- Adopts rules for new broadband Federal Funding Account grant program created by Senate Bill 156 and funded through the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and the rules issued by the U.S. Treasury Department.
- The Federal Funding Account is a new two-billion-dollar grant program focused on building broadband Internet infrastructure to communities without access to Internet service at sufficient and reliable speeds.
- The rules adopted in this decision include, among other items: project eligibility, application objections, allocating funds between rural and urban counties, and a ministerial review process whereby Communications Division Staff may approve certain applications.
- This proceeding remains open.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Improves safety through more communities and individuals with access to advanced communications.

ESTIMATED COST:

- The program will use already authorized federal funds.

Management Reports



Regular Agenda | Management Reports and Resolutions

Item #45 [20479] – Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan Version 2.0

The Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan is the operating framework and workplan for the Commission to implement goals and objectives outlined in the ESJ Action Plan. Updates were made to the plan to reflect the Commission's ongoing commitment to and vision for incorporating ESJ principles and reflects present day priorities to achieve equity in programs and processes under its jurisdiction.

CPUC Environmental & Social Justice Action Plan

Draft Version 2.0

Voting Meeting

April 7, 2022

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US EPA: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

According to the U.S. EPA: *fair treatment* and *meaningful involvement* of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

CPUC: ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

As defined in the ESJ Action Plan: predominantly communities of color or low-income communities that are **underrepresented** in the policy setting or decision-making process, **subject to a disproportionate impact** from one or more environmental hazards, and are likely to **experience disparate implementation** of environmental regulations and socioeconomic investments in their communities.

COMMUNITIES

Disadvantaged Communities located in the top 25% of communities identified by Cal EPA's CalEnviroScreen;

All Tribal lands;

Low-income households;

Low-income census tracts.

Overview of ESJ Action Plan Version 2.0

About the ESJ Action Plan

- Operating framework with which to integrate ESJ considerations throughout the agency's work.
- Version 1.0 adopted in February 2019.
- Consists of:
 - 9 overarching goals with clear objectives
 - Concrete action items to ensure agency-wide collaboration, accountability, and forward movement in meeting ESJ principles.



NARRATIVE

Introduction & Background

Progress on Implementation

NEW: Critical Topics for Consideration for Version 2.0

- Racial Equity and DEI
- Engagement with CA Native American Tribes
- Engaging with Access and Functional Needs Community
- COVID-19 response
- Wildfire
- Workforce Development and the High Road Transition
- Considerations of Rate Burdens on Low-Income Customers (*added based on comments*)
- Timeline

NEW: Leveraging the ESJ Action Plan

- Purpose of the ESJ Action Plan (*added based on comments*)
- Utilizing the ESJ Action Plan (*added based on comments*)

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE GOALS

- ❖ Goal 1: Consistently integrate equity and access considerations throughout CPUC regulatory activities.
- ❖ Goal 2: Increase investment in clean energy resources to benefit ESJ communities, especially to improve local air quality and public health.
- ❖ Goal 3: Strive to improve access to high-quality water, communications, and transportation services for ESJ communities.
- ❖ Goal 4: increase climate resiliency in ESJ communities.
- ❖ Goal 5: enhance outreach and public participation opportunities for ESJ communities to meaningfully participate in the CPUC's decision-making process and benefit from CPUC programs.
- ❖ Goal 6: enhance enforcement to ensure safety and consumer protection for all, especially for ESJ communities
- ❖ **Goal 7-Updated** : Promote high road employment opportunities and career paths for residents of ESJ communities.
- ❖ Goal 8: Improve training and staff development related to environmental and social justice issues within the CPUC's jurisdiction.
- ❖ Goal 9: Monitor the CPUC's environmental and social justice efforts to evaluate how they are achieving their objectives.
 - Added objective 9.3: **“Establish accountability measures”** to develop a regular reporting schedule of the commission's progress on action items.



EQUITY & ALIGNMENT

- 1.1.5 ESJ Definitions: Catalogue and Assess Opportunities for Mutual Eligibility
- 1.2.1 Evaluation of Intervenor Compensation Program
- 8.1.1 Division-Specific Training on Incorporating ESJ Issues into Proceedings
- 8.2.1 Alignment with Upcoming Racial Equity Action Plan

ENGAGEMENT WITH NEW UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

- 1.2.5 Regular "Participate in CPUC" Sessions
- 3.3.2 Homeless Encampments: Continued Collaboration with Local Governments
- 5.4.1 Engage and Serve Communities with Access and Functional Needs

TRAINING & METRICS

- 2.2 Research & Analysis to Understand Impact
- 8.2.4 Meeting Facilitation Training for Staff
- 9.1.1 Metrics to Measure Benefit, Impact, Community Outreach & Engagement
- 9.1.2 Data Collection: Standardizing Data Requests & Key ESJ Indicators

Energy Action Items

Support Resiliency

- 2.5.1 Establish Equity Segment of Program Administrator's EE portfolios
- 4.1.1 Initiate Climate Change Adaptation Planning with Emphasis on Disadvantaged Vulnerable Communities
- 4.1.3 Framework for Integrating Resiliency Planning and Evaluation into Current Grid Planning Policy



Telecommunications & Broadband Action Items



Ensure
Equity &
Alignment

- 3.4.1 Increase Collaboration and Knowledge Share Across Telecommunications Public Purpose Programs
- 3.4.2 Implementation of \$6 billion Broadband Legislation
- 3.4.4 – Continue understanding best practices and challenges of ESJ Communities as they relate to telecommunications/ broadband affordability, service quality and access
- 3.4.7



Water Action Items



Study
Impacts

- 3.2.1 Maximize Customer Assistance Programs (CAPs) and Arrearage Management Plans (AMPs) for Low-Income Water Customers
- 3.2.2 Understanding and Acting on Affordability of Water Rates
- 3.2.3 Water Resilience and Reliability in the Face of Drought
- 3.2.4 Incorporating ESJ Considerations into Consolidations of Small Water Companies



Safety & Enforcement Action Items



- 3.3.2 Homeless Encampments: Continued Collaboration with Local Governments
- 5.3.2 Public Participation in Transportation Proceedings
- 5.4.1 Engage and Serve Communities with Access and Functional Needs
- 6.2.1 Proactively Initiate Compliance Checks in ESJ Communities
- 6.4.2 Data Analysis and Mapping of Audit Data and Incident Reports to Understand Geographic Distribution and Potential ESJ Cumulative Impact
- 6.3.1 Develop an ESJ Lens for New CPUC Enforcement Policy

APPENDICES

Resource documents to assist CPUC staff and stakeholders in incorporating ESJ issues into their work. These include:

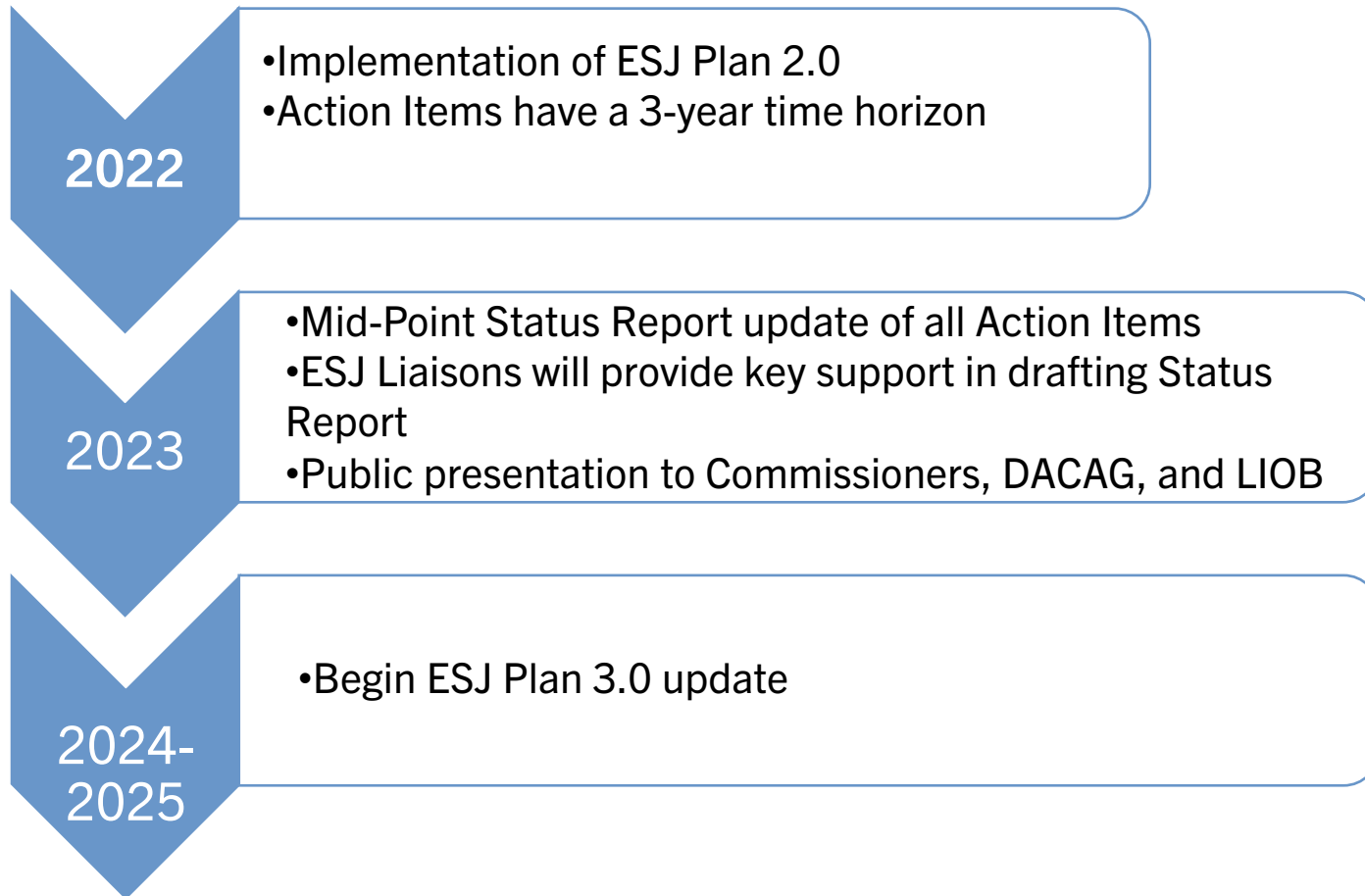
- Glossary of definitions and terminology;
- Examples of ESJ discussion and analysis; and
- Key documents utilized to implement the ESJ Action Plan.

Implementation Structure

- Core Team & ESJ Liaisons
 - Represent each Division at the CPUC and tasked with tracking status of action items and serving as “ambassadors” in Division for ESJ issues



Transparency & Timing



Questions?



THANK YOU!

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Regular Agenda | Energy Resolutions and Written Reports

Item #45 [20479] – Approval of Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG) Member Reappointments

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Item #46 [20432]

Report and Discussion on Recent Consumer Protection and Safety Activities

Item #47 [20433]

Management Report on Administrative Activities

CPUC Employee Recognition

4th Quarter 2021

Rachel Peterson
Executive Director

April 7, 2022



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CPUC Employee Recognition Program

- Once per quarter, we request nominations from all CPUC employees – teams and individuals – of colleagues who merit recognition.
- We also request new volunteers each quarter to read the nominations and reach consensus on the awardees.

CATEGORIES:

Building Morale

Customer Service

Quality Improvement

Core Values

Leadership

Innovation

Outstanding Achievement

CPUC Employee Excellence

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Transportation Licensing Team – CPED

Sandra Baron

Kerry Browne

Otis Byrd, III

Sheela Dawadi

Maya Daye

Jesse Hernandez

Brian Kahrs

Jason Lee

Charles Lorenzo

Michael Luo

Lorena Marzan

Armi Miranda

Raymond Tam

Don Wise

CPUC Employee Excellence

LEADERSHIP

Public Advocates Office

Surabhi Karambelkar

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Energy Division

Franco Ghadiri

CPUC Employee Excellence

INNOVATION

Office of Internal Audit Services

Lea Escoto

CORE VALUES

Human Resources Division

Jackie Lau

COLLABORATION

Safety Enforcement Division

Joan Weber

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Harsh Thakar

Lalaine Semana

Shoaib Ur-Rehman

Tanzina Enam

ALJ

Beckie Phanh

John Larsen

Thomas Gutierrez

CPED

Anna Jew

Ashlyn Kong

Cody Naylor

Donovan Tan

Hang “Kim”

Quach

Jason Lee

Ligia Mejia

Martha Sandoval

Niki Bawa

Syche Cai

Terra Curtis

Communications

John Birznieks

Energy

Boris Sanchez

EXEC

Katherine Stockton

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Francis Souza

Harsharan Kaeley

Jesse Mann

Mike Bonner

Stacy Matamoros

Tracy Barbosa

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Anton Garabetian

Bill Lay

Chi Cheung To

Daren Gilbert

Ed Sullivan

Gina Adams

Jim Esparza

Kevin Schumacher

Marvin Kennix

Matt Bond

Rosa Runoz

Steve Artus

Varoujan Jinbachian

Zaida Amaya

Safety Enforcement Division

Karen Shea

Liz Podolinsky

Nabil Hourieh

Safety Policy

Ben Turner

Fred Hanes

Jim Cho

Saab Bagri

Utility Audits and Risk Compliance

Nichelle Jackson

Water Division

Stephen St. Marie

Management Reports



Commissioners' Reports



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The CPUC thanks you for participating in today's meeting

The next Public Meeting will be:

April 21, 2022

11:00 a.m.

San Francisco

In person





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