

# AB 1023 (Rendon)

## CPUC Transparency: Contact Log

### **Issue**

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In recent months, revelations have shown a pattern of informal and private contacts by California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) members with regulated entities. In response, CPUC management set up a weekly communications log that summarizes oral and written *ex parte* communications. AB 1023 would codify the requirement that the CPUC maintain that contact log.

The CPUC began publishing these logs every other week since that policy was established.

The CPUC policy limited the scope of the policy to those proceedings known as adjudicatory and ratesetting proceedings. The policy did not require reporting on communications between high-level CPUC personnel and interested parties on quasi-legislative proceedings, advice letters, and scoping memos.

### **Background**

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On October 18, 2014 the CPUC Executive Director established a policy that requires high-level CPUC personnel and asks Commissioners, Advisors, and the Chief Administrative Law Judge to provide a communication log summarizing oral and written communications that occur between them and interested parties in adjudicatory and ratesetting proceedings.

### **Legislation**

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AB 1023 codifies the provisions of the CPUC policy and includes communications that occur between high-level CPUC personnel and expands the reporting to include quasi-legislative proceedings, advice letters, and scoping memos.

### **Contact Information**

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