

Date of Hearing: May 13, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
Buffy Wicks, Chair
AB 2031 (Petrie-Norris) – As Introduced February 17, 2026

Policy Committee: Utilities and Energy

Vote: 18 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: No

Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill reduces, from 120 days to 90 days, the time in which the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) must approve or deny an unopposed filing by an investor-owned utility (IOU) for sales transactions valued at \$5 million or less.

FISCAL EFFECT:

Costs to the CPUC are likely minor and absorbable.

COMMENTS:

Existing law requires the CPUC to complete review of uncontested utility transactions within 120 days. This bill would reduce the review period to 90 days for uncontested transactions valued at \$5 million or less. The author contends this change is warranted, because “These lower-value, lower-risk filings don't need four months of review. Extra time doesn't produce better outcomes – it just introduces more delay and leads to higher costs.”

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