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Closing the Digital Divide in California

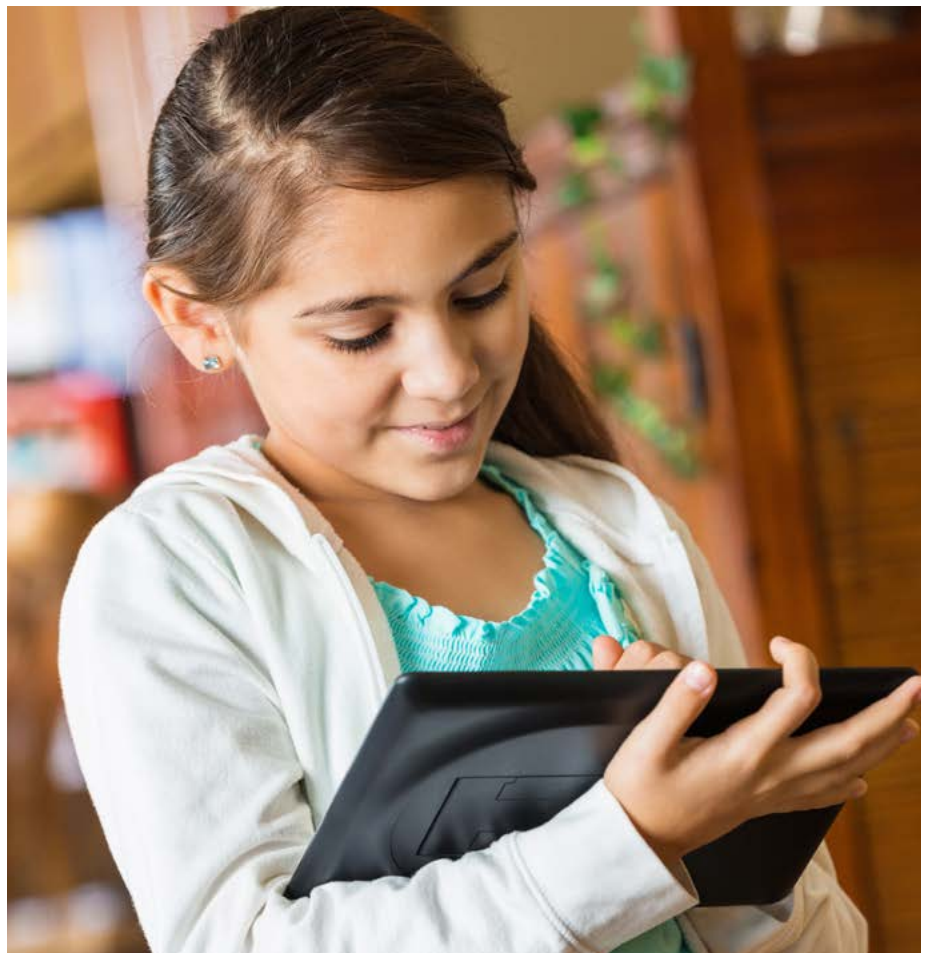
Over the past decade, California has enacted several major pieces of legislation focused on facilitating broadband deployment and adoption to unserved and underserved communities throughout the state.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) administers a suite of [broadband](#) grant programs that support broadband deployment, technical assistance, affordability, adoption, and digital equity, including:

Broadband Infrastructure Grants

- A \$2 billion **Federal Funding Account** provides grants to public and private entities to build last-mile infrastructure for Californians without access to high-speed broadband service.
- The **Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account** provides broadband infrastructure grants in unserved and underserved areas in the state.
- A \$750 million **Broadband Loan Loss Reserve Fund** will support costs related to the financing of local broadband infrastructure development and expands local governments' ability to secure financing for build-

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New Residential Rates Comparison Website Helps Consumers Make Informed Choices

In ongoing efforts to help consumers make informed choices regarding their electric provider, the CPUC has launched the first phase of its [California Electric Rates Comparison Website](#).

The Electric Rate Comparison Website, created under Assembly Bill 1362 (2019, O’Donnell), offers residential consumers a side-by-side comparison of current electric rates that are available to them from investor-owned utilities and Community Choice Aggregators.

Consumers can search for investor-owned utility and Community Choice Aggregator rate information using either a zip code, city, county, or the provider’s name. From there, they will have access to a “Joint Rate Mailer” that the utility and Community Choice Aggregator have prepared that provides rates and other information.

The Electric Rate Comparison Website includes links to assistance programs such as [California Alternate Rates for Energy \(CARE\)](#) and the [Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program \(LIHEAP\)](#). ■

Find your residential Rate
Which Zip Code do you live in?
Enter Zip Code
Search

Or
Which County do you live in?
Select Your County
Which City do you live in?
Select Your City
Search

Select Community Choice Aggregator and Utility you'd like to compare from the search menu below:
View CCA Map
Select Community Choice Aggregator (CCA)/Utility:
Apple Valley Choice Energy (AVCE)/SC
Central Coast Community Energy (CCC)
Central Coast Community Energy (CCC)
Clean Energy Alliance (CEA)/SOG&E
Search

Clear
Clear data before starting a new search.

ENERGY PROVIDERS
This Electric Rate Website allows California electricity customers to search for and view joint comparison rates, certain electrical generation disclosures, and other program information for each of the Investor-Owned Utilities and Community Choice Aggregators (CCA). This information is intended to help customers make informed choices regarding their retail electric provider.

To obtain additional information concerning a specific Utility/CCA, please refer to the information provided on the Joint Mailer.

Disclosures

- Rates for municipal utilities, such as Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), are not available on this webpage.
- Rate information for unincorporated areas are not available on this site.
- Rates are provided by utilities and Community Choice Aggregators.

This website was created in 2022 for energy customers in California.

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CALIFORNIA CCAs

List of California Service Providers
Community Choice Aggregators

- Redwood Coast Energy Authority
- Sonoma Clean Power
- Marin Clean Energy
- Pioneer Community Energy
- Valley Clean Energy

REMOTE EVENTS

Learn About Broadband and Utility Safety

The CPUC is holding a webinar on a broadband grant assistance program for tribal and local governments and public briefings on utility Public Safety Power Shutoffs. Please join us for the following events detailed below.



Local Agency and Tribal Technical Assistance Webinar

The CPUC administers a suite of [broadband](#) grant programs that support broadband deployment, technical assistance, affordability, adoption, and digital equity. One such program is the [Local Agency and Tribal Technical Assistance](#) program that provides grants to reimburse eligible local governments and Tribal entities for work that facilitates last-mile broadband infrastructure deployment to communities lacking sufficient Internet. Local and sovereign tribal governments that are interested in learning about the program are invited to a live webinar.

WHEN: Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 10–11 a.m.

WHAT: The webinar will introduce the program and highlight eligibility requirements, acceptable uses, and the application process.

WHERE: [Register](#)

Utility Public Safety Power Shutoff Briefings

In continuing actions to hold utilities accountable for executing safe and appropriate Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events, the CPUC is requiring the state's electric utilities to publicly present on their preparedness for PSPS events in 2022 at virtual [briefings](#).

WHEN: August 1, 2022, 1–5 p.m.: Southern California Edison (SCE), San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), and Bear Valley Electric Service

August 2, 2022, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), PacifiCorp, and Liberty Utilities

WHAT: The electric utilities will provide updates on the status of preparation efforts and coordination with public safety partners, critical infrastructure and facilities, and customers, including those most vulnerable or with access and functional needs. The utilities will present on efforts to mitigate customer impacts and will identify changes to processes or operations in 2022 based on lessons learned.

WHERE: Access each live briefing via [webcast](#) or phone (800-857-1917, passcode: 6032788#)



To learn about additional events the CPUC is hosting, please visit our [Daily Calendar](#).

Independent Study Issued on Injecting Hydrogen Into Natural Gas Systems



In ongoing actions to assess the feasibility and safety implications of injecting hydrogen into the natural gas system, and in order to advance its deployment, the CPUC has [issued](#) for comment a Study that represents a critical step in considering renewable hydrogen as a component in California's statewide decarbonization strategy.

The University of California at Riverside [Hydrogen Blending Impacts Study](#) was commissioned by the CPUC in compliance with Senate Bill 1369 (Skinner, 2018) and as part of the CPUC's ongoing Renewable Gas Rulemaking. The Rulemaking (R.13-02-008) examines expanding renewable hydrogen by establishing standards and interconnection protocols for injecting renewable hydrogen into natural gas pipelines. The Study assesses the operational and safety concerns associated with injecting hydrogen into the existing natural gas pipeline system at various percentages to

help California establish the standards and interconnection protocols for possibly injecting renewable hydrogen into natural gas pipelines.

The Study's findings include:

- Hydrogen blends of up to 5 percent in the natural gas stream are generally safe. However, blending more hydrogen in gas pipelines overall results in a greater chance of pipeline leaks and the embrittlement of steel pipelines.
- Hydrogen blends above 5 percent could require modifications of appliances such as stoves and water heaters to avoid leaks and equipment malfunction.
- Hydrogen blends of more than 20 percent present a higher likelihood of permeating plastic pipes, which can increase the risk of gas ignition outside the pipeline.
- Due to the lower energy content of hydrogen gas, more hydrogen-

blended natural gas will be needed to deliver the same amount of energy to users compared to pure natural gas.

The Study concludes that additional examination is needed into blending hydrogen into the gas system to ensure its safety in California. The Study finds that it is critical to conduct real-world demonstrations of hydrogen under safe and controlled conditions to build on the Study's findings and determine the appropriate blend percentage suitable to mitigate operational risks such as ignition.

"This Study provides additional insight into the possibilities and limits of California's pipeline infrastructure as we explore options for supplying zero-carbon energy to hard to decarbonize applications," said Commissioner [Clifford Rechtschaffen](#), who is assigned to the Renewable Gas Rulemaking. "I look forward to party comments on hydrogen-methane blending and its role in decarbonization strategies."

Members of the public can comment on the Study, and access documents related to the proceeding, on the [Docket Card](#). ■



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Commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen

ing last-mile projects, with an emphasis on public broadband networks.

Broadband Deployment Assistance Grants

- **Local Agency and Tribal Technical Assistance** provides grants to reimburse eligible local governments and Tribal entities for work that facilitates last-mile broadband infrastructure deployment to communities lacking sufficient Internet.
- **Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account** provides grants to eligible consortia to facilitate the deployment of broadband services by assisting infrastructure grant applicants in the project development or grant application processes.

Broadband Equity, Adoption, Education, and Local Engagement Programs

- **Broadband Adoption Account** provides grants to increase publicly available or after-school broadband access and digital inclusion, such as grants for devices, digital literacy training programs, and public education to communities with limited broadband adoption.
- **Broadband Public Housing Account** awards grants to low-income communities to finance projects to connect broadband networks that offer free broadband service.

In addition to managing broadband grant programs, the CPUC collects broadband data from internet service providers on an annual basis. This data is available on the [California Interactive Broadband Map](#). This data determines broadband grant program eligibility. In addition, it informs public policies intended to make sure broadband is available throughout California, and to promote digital equity, digital literacy, and broadband usage.



Broadband Affordability

To help eligible consumers and entities with the cost of broadband, the CPUC has the following programs available:

The [California LifeLine Program](#) provides a monthly subsidy for wireline or mobile voice and broadband services. The program works in tandem with the federal Lifeline program administered by the Federal Communications Commission.

The [California Teleconnect Fund](#) provides a 50 percent discount on advanced communication services (including Internet access and broadband services) to qualifying K–12 schools, libraries, community colleges, government-owned hospitals/health clinics, and community-based organizations.

For more information on the State of California’s broadband efforts, please visit the state’s one stop shop for broadband, the [Broadband for All Portal](#). ■

JOIN OUR TEAM

If you are looking for a rewarding career, consider joining our team at the CPUC!

We typically have opportunities at all levels available: leadership, supervisory, engineers, lawyers, Administrative Law Judges, analysts, specialists, administration, and more. You will join a team of individuals tackling issues related to the regulation of essential services in California. For more information on job opportunities and the CPUC’s hiring process, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/careers or email CPUCRecruiter@cpuc.ca.gov.

THE DOCKET:

Proceedings Filed at the CPUC June 2022

PROCEEDING NUMBER | FILED DATE | FILER

A2007020 | 10-JUN-22 | ALJ/LAU/CPUC

Proposed Decision approving Settlement Agreement on PG&E's 2011-2014 GT&S Capital Expenditures.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=483587266>

R1706026 | 10-JUN-22 | ALJ/WANG/CPUC

Proposed Decision resolving Phase 2 issues related to data access and voluntary allocations in market price benchmark calculations.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=483864795>

R1807006 | 10-JUN-22 | CMMR/HOUCK/CPUC

Proposed Decision implementing the Affordability Metrics.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=483885749>

R2005003 | 7-JUN-22 | ALJ/FITCH/CPUC

Proposed Decision granting correction to Decision 22-02-004.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=483887914>

A2206003 | 3-JUN-22 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for Authorization to Recover 2021 Incremental Costs Related to Wildfire Mitigation and Vegetation Management.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=482391364>

C2206002 | 6-JUN-22 | NAPA CHRISTIAN CAMPUS AND K12 ENERGY INC.

Napa Christian Campus and K12 Energy Inc., Complainants vs. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E), Defendant.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=482391363>

A2206001 | 1-JUN-22 | SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902E) for Approval of: (i) Contract Administration, Least-Cost Dispatch and Power Procurement Activities in 2021, (ii) Costs Related to those Activities Recorded to the Energy Resource Recovery Account, Portfolio Allocation Balancing Account, Power Charge Indifference Adjustment Undercollection Balancing Account, Transition Cost Balancing Account, and Local Generating Balancing Account in 2021, and (iii) Costs Recorded in Related Regulatory Accounts in 2021.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=482147191>

A2010012 | 17-JUN-22 | ALJ/LONG/CPUC

Proposed Decision adopting five uncontested partial settlements resolving most issues for Southern California Edison Company's Phase 2 General Rate Case.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=485618386>

A2206004 | 2-JUN-22 | HWCA LP

Application of HWCA LP for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide full facilities based and resold competitive local exchange service and interexchange services on a statewide basis.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=483864942>

A2206005 | 15-JUN-22 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Gas Company (U 904 G) Regarding Year 28 (2021-2022) of Its Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=485625923>

C2206006 | 15-JUN-22 | MARK SMITH

(ECP) Mark Smith, CPA., Complainant vs. Frontier California Inc. (U1002C); Citizens Telecommunications Co. of Ca. d/b/a Frontier Communications of California (U1024C), Frontier Communications of America Inc. d/b/a Frontier Communications (U1548C); Frontier California (U4439C); Frontier Communications of America Inc. d/b/a Citizen Long Distance (U5429C); Frontier Communications LD & On-line (U7167C), Defendants.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=485614315>

A1911019 | 22-JUN-22 | ALJ/DOHERTY/CPUC

Proposed Decision adopting real-time pricing pilot and marginal generation capacity cost study and its usage.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=486499123>

A2010011 | 22-JUN-22 | ALJ/DOHERTY/CPUC

Proposed Decision adopting real-time pricing pilot and marginal generation capacity cost study and its usage.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=486499123>

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A2206008 | 22-JUN-22 | GRACETEL, INC.

Application of Gracotel, Inc. for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation Pursuant to the Provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=486447687>

A2206009 | 14-JUN-22 | CORRECT SOLUTIONS, LLC

Application of Correct Solutions, LLC for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation Pursuant to the Provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=486752341>

A2206010 | 10-JUN-22 | VOXOLOGY, INC.

Application of Voxology Inc. for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation Pursuant to the Provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=486752343>

A2206011 | 22-JUN-22 | CROSSTALK SIP, LLC

Application of Crosstalk SIP LLC Inc. for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation Pursuant to the Provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=488411099>

C2206006 | 15-JUN-22 | MARK SMITH

(ECP) Mark Smith, CPA., Complainant vs. Frontier California Inc. (U1002C); Citizens Telecommunications Co. of Ca. d/b/a Frontier Communications of California (U1024C), Frontier Communications of America Inc. d/b/a Frontier Communications (U1548C); Frontier California (U4439C); Frontier Communications of America Inc. d/b/a Citizen Long Distance (U5429C); Frontier Communications LD & On-line (U7167C), Defendants.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=485614315>

K2206007 | 20-JUN-22 | AMORE LIMOUSINE SERVICE INC.

Appeal of Amore Limousine Service Inc. from T.22-04-002 in the amount of \$4,000.00 issued by the California Public Utilities Commission Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=486216860>

P2206012 | 23-JUN-22 | BLOOM ENERGY CORPORATION

Petition to Adopt, Amend, or Repeal a Regulation Pursuant to Pub. Util Code Section 1708.5.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=488538453>

A2109009 | 9-SEP-21 | QUALITY VOICE & DATA INC.

Application of Quality Voice & Data Inc. for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation Pursuant to the Provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=407765445>

A2202012 | 11-FEB-22 | ATLANTIS UTILITY INC.

Application of Atlantis Utility Inc. for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation pursuant to the Provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=453952705>

A1812017 | 27-JUN-22 | ALJ/KAO/CPUC

Proposed Decision granting petition for modification of decision 20-05-008 regarding audit requirements for recovery of substation upgrades capital costs.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=489140841>

A2004017 | 30-JUN-22 | ALJ/WATTS-ZAGHA/CPUC

Proposed Decision approving the sale of Warring Water Service, Inc. to California-American Water Company Inc.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=489141140>

A2105007 | 30-JUN-22 | ALJ/JUNGREIS/CPUC

Proposed Decision authorizing AT&T Corp. to discontinue providing residential service in Frontier territory and relinquish its eligible telecommunications carrier designation.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=489141036>

A2203010 | 29-JUN-22 | ALJ/JUNGREIS/CPUC

Proposed Decision on financing order authorizing Pacific Gas and Electric Company's second issuance of recovery bonds pursuant to Assembly Bill 1054.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=489141119>

R1812006 | 30-JUN-22 | CMMR/RECHTSCHAFFEN/CPUC

Proposed Decision adopting plug-in electric vehicle submetering protocol and electric vehicle supply equipment communication protocols.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=489140936>

A2206013 | 24-JUN-22 | BIF IV INTREPID OPCO LLC

Application of BIF IV Intrepid OpCo LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Full Facilities-Based and Resold Competitive Local Exchange and Interexchange Services.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=489140722>

A2206014 | 23-JUN-22 | THE LYNX LLC

In the matter of the Application of The Lynx LLC, a California limited liability company, dba LINQ, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide an on call, door-to-door, passenger stage service, between the cities of San Diego (Old Town Transit Center), Oceanside and Palm Springs, on the one hand, and the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), on the other hand; and, to establish a Zone of Rate Freedom.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=489140903>

A2206015 | 29-JUN-22 | MAMO G. TEGEGNE

Application of Mamo G. Tegegne doing business as Dream High Transportation for Authority to Operate as a Passenger Stage Corporation Between points in the Counties of San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Solano, Marin and San Mateo, and the San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose International Airports; and to Establish a Zone of Rate Freedom.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=489140575>

A2206017 | 30-JUN-22 | CRIMSON CALIFORNIA PIPELINE, L.P.

In the Matter of the Application of Crimson California Pipeline L.P. (PLC-26) for Authority to Increase Rates for Its Crude Oil Pipeline Services. (SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA)

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=490710963>

K2206016 | 27-JUN-22 | AGILITY COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES COMPANY

Appeal of Agility Communications and Technology Services Company U-1242-C from Citation No. CD-2022-06-001 in the amount of \$1,000 issued 6/22/22, by the Communications Division Pursuant to T-17601.

Link Not Available.

R2009001 | 30-JUN-22 | CAL ADVOCATES/GRONSKY/CPUC

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

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=490475613>



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