



Energy

# Regional Energy Networks

Clients: SoCalREN, BayREN, 3C-REN

2013–ongoing

In 2012, the California Public Utility Commission approved a new concept—Regional Energy Networks—that enable local governments to collaborate to act as administrators for energy efficiency projects. The CPUC directed the RENs to address workforce education and training, technology development, and the water-energy nexus.

Frontier Energy supported Los Angeles County and the Bay Area Association of Governments in proposing the first REN pilots, and worked with San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties to form Tri-County REN (3C-REN), which CPUC approved in May 2018.

Once approved and operational, Frontier staff design, develop, and administer several programs for each REN and provide as-needed support to staff and other contractors.

Regional Energy Networks are becoming a viable model that many local governments are looking to replicate and implement within their service territory to continue providing energy efficiency support to their jurisdictions.



Transportation



Buildings



Industrial



Agriculture



Sequestration

## FRONTIER ENERGY:

- Supported BayREN, SoCalREN, and 3CREN with to develop and submit long-term business plans, required by the CPUC. The plans explain each REN’s programs that will advance California’s energy efficiency and climate goals.
- Designed and implemented programs for each REN.
- SoCalREN: Single Family Rebates; Multifamily Rebates; Marketing, Education and Outreach; Contractor Support Services, Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE), Home Energy Loans, Cool Comfort Financing.
- BayREN: Multifamily Rebates; Home Energy Score and Green Labeling; On-bill financing for water efficiency; Energy Efficiency Codes & Standards, stakeholder engagement.
- 3C-REN: Designing residential and multifamily programs, and workforce development activities.
- Coordinates BayREN’s and 3CREN’s technical strategy and positioning within the CPUC’s regulatory framework to solidify each REN’s role as a successful provider of ratepayer-funded programs.
- Supports the RENs as the CPUC implements its Energy Efficiency “Rolling Portfolios” by transitioning RENs from pilot programs to long-term implementation.
- Conducts local and statewide stakeholder engagement.



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