

# Client Alert: New Backup Power Mandates for California Communications Companies

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With the recent statewide uptick in California's destructive wildfires, de-energization events, and corresponding impact on wireless communication services, the state's utility regulator has moved forward with regulations to address the resiliency of wireless networks. On July 16, 2020, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) voted to effectuate a proposed decision (Decision) that mandates network resiliency requirements in enumerated high fire-risk areas (High Fire Threat Districts) for certain wireless carriers. Facilities-based wireless carriers in California are now required to maintain 72-hours of on-site backup power in High Fire Threat Districts, and submit resiliency and emergency operations plans. In addition to the new regulatory requirements it creates for wireless carriers, the Decision is notable due to its expansive assertion of the CPUC's jurisdiction and deferral of the regulatory framework for wireline carriers.

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