



The CPUC hosts the “Thought Leaders Speaker Series” to stimulate thought and discussion of some of the most pressing challenges and opportunities facing California utility regulators and the private sector industries affected by state policies. Leading experts from around the world take center stage to offer their expertise and vision in areas such as communications, energy, water, transportation, the environment, green jobs, and more.



California Public Utilities Commission **Thought Leaders Series**

This Thought Leaders session of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) features **CPUC President Michael R. Peevey**, **Elon Musk**, and **Lyndon Rive** discussing the intersection between regulation and innovation, including how the combined role of government and entrepreneurs can help create a better environment and a better product for the common good.

There will be a 45-minute audience-driven question and answer session following the discussion.

Feb. 27, 2014, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**CPUC Auditorium,
505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco**



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Moderator:



Paul Clanon, CPUC Executive Director, has served in every major staff role in his 29 years at the CPUC, including a supervisor, a staff analyst, an Advisor to a Commissioner, Energy Division Director, and Deputy Executive Director for Administration and Operations. Mr. Clanon holds a Bachelor's Degree in economics from UC Berkeley and is a jazz doublebassist in his spare time. He grew up in the Sacramento Valley and lives in San Francisco.

Panelists:



Michael R. Peevey, CPUC President, is a leader in the energy industry who has worked tirelessly to create energy policies that curb climate change. As President of the CPUC, Mr. Peevey is committed to protecting the public interest by promoting consumer needs, while challenging utilities to embrace new technologies and provide safe, high-quality services. President Peevey is committed to maximizing energy efficiency and Demand Response opportunities and ensuring that California's environment is protected. He is a strong supporter of renewable energy and is a leader in implementing California's solar and greenhouse gas reduction initiatives.



Elon Musk, engineer and entrepreneur, builds and operates companies to solve environmental, social, and economic challenges. He co-founded PayPal and currently drives strategy, development, and design at two companies: Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX), where he is founder and CEO, and Tesla Motors, where he is co-founder and CEO. He also is Chairman of the Board of a third company, SolarCity.



Lyndon Rive, co-founder and CEO of SolarCity, has grown the company to be the largest solar power provider in the U.S. in less than eight years of operation. SolarCity has more than 4,500 employees—including more than 2,000 in California—and is currently providing approximately one out of every three new residential solar power systems in America. A lifelong entrepreneur, Mr. Rive founded his first company at age 17. Prior to co-founding SolarCity, Mr. Rive co-founded the enterprise software company Everdream, which was ultimately acquired by Dell.