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CPUC AND ENERGY COMMISSION TO HOLD CLIMATE ADAPTATION WORKSHOP

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2, 2014 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission will hold a workshop on Climate Adaptation in the Energy Sector.

When: Monday, July 27, 2015, 9 a.m.

Where: CPUC Auditorium, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco; also available via video webcast in real-time at www.californiaadmin.com/cpuc.shtml

Who: CPUC Commissioner Liane M. Randolph and Energy Commission Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller have organized this day-long workshop to discuss climate adaptation. Ken Alex, Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Brown and the Director of the Office of Planning and Research, will be in attendance, and other Commissioners may attend.

The workshop will provide an opportunity for Commissioners, stakeholders, and interested parties to examine and discuss the physical vulnerabilities in the energy system due to climate change and the actions that the investor-owned utilities in California are taking to adapt to those changes. “Climate Adaptation,” “Readiness,” and “Resilience” are all terms used to describe taking deliberate and considered actions to avoid, manage, or reduce the consequences of a hotter, drier, and more extreme climate and to take advantage of the opportunities that such changes may generate.

“California has aggressively pursued climate change mitigation actions such as energy efficiency and renewables for more than a decade. We must also take up the challenge of climate resiliency and adaptation to ensure that investments in the utility sector take this issue into consideration for the safety and welfare of Californians,” said Commissioner Randolph. “I’m happy to convene this forum with Chair Weisenmiller to hear from industry experts about the plans that are already underway and



what else needs to be done.”

“Under Governor Brown’s leadership California has adopted the most aggressive greenhouse gas reduction targets in North America as part of his campaign to build momentum for the Conference of Parties in Paris later this year,” said Chair Weisenmiller. “Part of the California Energy Commission’s climate effort has been pioneering research to identify the current and future impacts of climate change upon Californians. It is time to prepare for the future and protect our energy infrastructure so that we can maintain safe and reliable service to Californians. This joint workshop is an opportunity to translate this research into specific actions and to identify the most important areas for future research.”

Presentations will cover adaptation efforts in the gas and electric sectors nationally and in California. Executives from Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison, and Southern California Gas Company will present their plans, and there will be presentations from industry experts both locally and nationally on expected changes to the climate in California and adaptation strategies for the energy sector. An agenda will be posted on the CPUC’s website prior to the workshop.

A quorum of Commissioners from the CPUC and/or the Energy Commission may be in attendance, but no votes will be taken.

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