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SUBJECT: Opportunity To Join The Low-Income Oversight Board

I am inviting interested individuals to apply to become a public member of the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB). The LIOB is an advisory board to the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission), on electric, gas, and water policies that are designed to benefit low-income utility customers. The LIOB seeks a new member who has expertise in the low-income community. The selected candidate would begin service in mid to late October. LIOB member terms last for a period of two years. Candidates should submit a biography or résumé (no longer than one page), a statement of interest, and a list of three references. Applications should be submitted no later than October 12, 2018 to my Chief of Staff, Sean Simon at sean.simon@cpuc.ca.gov.

Interested candidates should review Public Utilities Code Section 382.1, which established the LIOB, and the Charter for the LIOB set out in Commission Resolution E-4095,¹ to determine if they meet the qualifications and if any conflicts of interest may prevent full participation on the board. Additional information about the LIOB is available here: http://liob.cpuc.ca.gov/Pages/About.html

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 382.1, the responsibilities of the LIOB are to:

- Monitor and evaluate implementation of all programs provided to low-income electricity, gas, and water customers.
- Assist in the development and analysis of any assessments of low-income customer need.

¹ See: http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/WORD PDF/FINAL RESOLUTION/68984.PDF

- Encourage collaboration between state and utility programs for low-income electricity and gas customers to maximize the leverage of state and federal energy efficiency funds to both lower the bills and increase the comfort of low-income customers.
- Provide reports to the Legislature, as requested, summarizing the assessment of needs, audits, and analysis of program implementation.
- Assist in streamlining the application and enrollment process of programs for low-income electricity and natural gas customers with general low-income programs, including, but not limited to, the Universal Lifeline Telephone Service program and, including compliance with PU Code § 739.1.
- Encourage the usage of the network of community service providers in accordance with Public Utilities Code § 382.1.

The LIOB holds four meetings annually with additional subcommittee meetings and/or conference calls in between as necessary. The LIOB alternates meeting locations in different regions of the state. Members of the LIOB are eligible for compensation in accordance with the state's travel guidelines.²

If you have any questions please follow up with my Chief of Staff, Sean Simon at sean.simon@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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 $^{^2 \}textit{See}: \underline{\text{http://www.calhr.ca.gov/employees/Pages/travel-reimbursements.aspx}}$