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**CPUC TO HOST ANNUAL UTILITY DIVERSITY EN BANC
ON OCT. 4 IN RICHMOND**

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1, 2018 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in its ongoing efforts to promote diversity in utility company practices, will hold its 16th annual public hearing to examine the diversity programs of the state's regulated utilities, discuss the CPUC's own commitment to diversity, and hear from community based organizations and other interested parties about their views on the future of supplier diversity and the impact it has had on the communities in which the utilities serve.

WHEN: October 4, 2018, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

WHERE: Richmond Memorial Auditorium & Convention Center, 403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804

Please see the agenda below.

The CPUC's Commissioners will be joined by Senator Steven Bradford (D-Gardena), the Hon. Gwen Moore, executives of investor-owned utilities, and others, to review the progress, commitments, and initiatives made to increase the participation of women, minorities, disabled veterans-owned, and gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender business enterprises in procurement by regulated utilities and other entities.

Representatives of industry, government, academia, labor, community-based organizations, and other interested parties are expected to attend the hearing. Members of the public are invited to attend; a public comment session will be held.

While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend the En Banc, no official action will be taken.

For more information, including an agenda, please visit

www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/supplierdiversity.

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Agenda

California Public Utilities Commission

16th Annual Supplier Diversity En Banc

October 4, 2018, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Richmond Memorial Auditorium & Convention Center,

403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804

“General Order 156- Next Generation of Supplier Diversity Excellence”

9 – 9:05 a.m.

Welcome

Tom Butt, Mayor of Richmond

9:05 – 9:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Michael Picker, *President, CPUC*

Carla J. Peterman, *Commissioner, CPUC*

Liane M. Randolph, *Commissioner, CPUC*

Martha Guzman Aceves, Commissioner, CPUC
Clifford Rechtschaffen, *Commissioner, CPUC*
Steven Bradford, Senator, 35th District
The Honorable Gwen Moore, Former California State Assemblymember and Founder and Chief Executive Officer of GeM Communications Group

9:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Summary of Utility Performance & Report to the Legislature on GO 156

Stephanie Green – Supplier Diversity Manager, CPUC

9:45 – 10:30 a.m.

The Diverse Community Perspective on General Order 156

Moderator — The Honorable Gwen Moore – former Assembly Member
Pat Fong Kushida, President & CEO, CALASIAN Chamber of Commerce
Julian Canete, President & CEO, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Tracy Stanhoff, President, American Indian Chamber of Commerce
Aubry Stone, President & CEO, California Black Chamber of Commerce
Paul Prendergast, Vice President of Public Policy, Golden Gate Business Association
Cole Woodman, Chairman, VIB Network Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise
Schenae Rourk, President, National Association of Women Business Owners-LA

10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Alternative Energy Markets- Exploring the Possibilities

Moderator — Michael Picker, Commissioner
Dawn Weisz, CEO, Marin Clean Energy (CCA)
Beth Vaughan, Executive Director, California Community Choice Association
Janice Lin, Co-Founder & Executive Director, California Energy Storage Alliance
Rick Umoff, California Director, Solar Energy Industries Association
Bernadette Del Chiaro, Executive Director, California Solar & Storage Association
Felicia Mayo, Vice President, Diversity & Inclusion, Tesla

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Strategic Sourcing-Navigating the Future of Procurement

Moderator — Clifford Rechtschaffen, Commissioner
Dawn Gilbert, Director of Supplier Diversity, Frontier Communications
Sydney Furbush, Supplier Diversity Manager, San Diego Gas & Electric
Joe Chow, Supplier Diversity Manager, Southern California Gas
Frank Robinson, Managing Director, Union Bank
Travis Walser, Senior Vice President, PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc.

12 – 12:30 p.m. Public Comments – The Supplier’s Perspective (No more than 3 minutes per speaker)

12:30 – 1: 30 p.m. LUNCH

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Executive Energy Panel- The Power of Performance

Moderator – Carla J. Peterman, Commissioner
Scott Drury, President, San Diego Gas & Electric
Patti Wagner, CEO, Southern California Gas Company
Ron Nichols, President, Southern California Edison
Steve Malnight, SVP Energy Supply & Policy, Pacific Gas & Electric Company
Karen S. Haller, Executive Vice President/Chief Legal & Administrative Officer, Southwest Gas
Glenn LaPorte, Director of Procurement, PacifiCorp

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Executive Telco & Water Panel- Meeting the Challenge

Moderator — Liane Randolph, Commissioner
Kenneth Northrup, SVP of Finance & Strategic Sourcing, Frontier Communications
James Blain, Director of Procurement & Supplier Diversity, Sprint Corporation

Jalayna F. Bolden AVP Global Supply Chain & Strategic Initiatives, AT&T
Eric F. Reed, Vice President, Entertainment/Tech Policy, Verizon Wireless
George Richter, SVP of Supply Chain Management, Cox Communications
Jeff Votaw, Vice President of Engineering, Comcast Cable Corporation
Michelle Hawkins PMP, SVP Strategic Procurement, Charter Communications
Michael Simpson, Sr. VP Technology Procurement, Planning & Development, T-Mobile
Rich Svindland, President, California American Water

3:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Closing Remarks

President Michael Picker, CPUC
