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CPUC TO HOST THOUGHT LEADERS SESSION ON AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

SAN FRANCISCO, August 13, 2015 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today announced that the next topic in its ongoing Thought Leaders Speaker Series will be autonomous vehicles.

WHEN: Thursday, September 10, 2015, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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

WHO: Moderators:

- Marzia Zafar, Director of Policy & Planning Division, CPUC
- Professor Susan Shaheen, Co-Director of Transportation Sustainability Research Center, University of California, Berkeley

Panelists:

- Sarah Hunter, Head of Policy, GoogleX: Will give an overview of Google's experience developing and testing autonomous vehicle technologies.
- Bernard Soriano, Deputy Director of Risk Management, California Department of Motor Vehicles: Will discuss developing regulations for manufacturer testing of autonomous vehicles on public roadways.
- Dr. Steven Shladover, Program Manager, California Partners for Advanced Transportation Technology, University of California, Berkeley: Will discuss the technological challenges to achieving safety at different levels of vehicle automation.
- Ashwini Chhabra, Policy Director, Uber: Will discuss how autonomous vehicles may impact various private sector transportation business models and their accompanying regulations.

This discussion will focus on autonomous vehicles and will address questions such as the current, future, and futurist applications of autonomous vehicles; the challenges and opportunities for innovators, safety regulators, and urban planners; and the possible impact on various private



sector transportation business models, including Transportation Network Companies (e.g., UberX, Lyft) and taxis, among others (e.g., car-sharing), and their accompanying regulations.

For more information on Thought Leaders, including archived video webcasts of prior Thought Leaders events, please visit: www.cpuc.ca.gov/thoughtleaders.

The CPUC hosts the Thought Leaders Speaker Series to stimulate thought and discussion of some of the most pressing challenges facing California utility regulators and the private sector industries impacted 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.

Although a quorum of Commissioners may be in attendance, no CPUC action will be taken at this event.

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