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**CPUC TO HOLD BAKERSFIELD RATE DESIGN FORUM TO DISCUSS
NEW STRUCTURE THAT REFLECTS ACTUAL COSTS**

SAN FRANCISCO, February 19, 2016 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold a community forum in Bakersfield to discuss and answer questions about the CPUC's July 2015 decision to significantly change residential electricity rates, including the requirement that starting in 2019 all residential customers will be offered time of use rates as a default.

- WHAT:** CPUC Bakersfield Rate Design Forum
- WHEN:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 5 p.m.
- WHERE:** Kern County Administrative Center, First Floor Board Chambers,
1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301
- WHY:** To discuss and answer questions about the CPUC's July 2015 decision that transitioned the state's residential electricity rates to a more effective and cost-based structure, empowering consumers with more opportunities to conserve, and promoting resource optimization and grid reliability.

At this public forum, the CPUC will discuss time of use rates, the transition from four to two rate tiers, the economic and environmental benefits of these new rates, and the CPUC's plans to work closely with utilities and communities throughout California to ensure that consumers are ready for these changes.

For more information, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/RateDesignForums.

For more information on the CPUC's rate design decision, please see our July 3, 2015, press release at <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M153/K072/153072586.PDF>.

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

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