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

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2, 2016 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold a community forum in Long Beach 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 Long Beach Rate Design Forum
- WHEN:** Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 6 p.m.
- WHERE:** Long Beach City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802
- 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>.

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