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**CPUC MOURNS LOSS OF DIVISION OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES
DIRECTOR DANA APPLING**

SAN FRANCISCO, August 10, 2010 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today expressed its profound sadness at the loss of Dana Appling, director of the CPUC's Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA).

Ms. Appling was born on April 8, 1954, and graduated from the University of San Diego Law School in 1982. Ms. Appling was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as Director of DRA on August 30, 2004. She worked tirelessly in that capacity until her passing on Monday after a long battle with cancer.

"I am deeply saddened at the loss of a great leader, consumer advocate, and friend," said CPUC President Michael R. Peevey. "The loss of Dana will be felt at the CPUC for some time, but she will forever be remembered fondly by all those whose lives she touched."

Added Commissioner Dian M. Grueneich, "Dana was a special friend to me and to many people both within and outside the CPUC. She was a leader on critical consumer issues and an inspirational model of professional conduct. I will miss her dearly."

"I enjoyed working with Dana. She was a steady hand and a strong advocate for ratepayer interests. I will miss her greatly," said Commissioner John A. Bohn.

Said Commissioner Timothy Alan Simon, "Dana was a brilliant attorney and exceptional advocate for the ratepayers of our state. In her distinguished role as Director of DRA she not only raised the

bar in the representation of consumers, in ways more important, she was visionary in advancing the policies that will protect ratepayer interest for generations to come. I feel blessed to have worked with Dana. She is deeply missed and held in the highest esteem.”

“Dana really helped shape DRA into a highly effective advocacy group,” said Commissioner Nancy E. Ryan. “She recruited top talent and brought a new level of professionalism to the organization. California utility customers never had a better champion. She will truly be missed.”

Said Paul Clanon, Executive Director of the CPUC, “This is a very sad time for all of us at the CPUC, and for all of the many, many people Dana touched and inspired. Our thoughts are with Dana’s family. She is dearly missed.”

The CPUC will hold a memorial service for Ms. Appling next week. Information will be available at www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/events/100810_dana.htm.

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