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**CPUC TO HOLD DIVERSITY HEARING IN L.A.: ACHIEVING DIVERSITY
IN GOING GREEN, CALIFORNIA’S NEW GOLD RUSH**

SAN FRANCISCO, October 19, 2009 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in its ongoing efforts to promote diversity in utility company practices, will hold its seventh 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 diverse suppliers about program issues.

Hosted by CPUC President Michael R. Peevey, this year’s theme is “Achieving Diversity in GOING GREEN, California’s New Gold Rush.”

WHEN: Monday, November 2, 2009, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

WHERE: Ronald Reagan State Building
300 S. Spring St., Los Angeles

The CPUC’s Commissioners will be joined by Assembly Speaker Karen Bass (D-Los Angeles), Senator Curren Price (D-Los Angeles), executives of investor-owned utilities, and other guests to review the progress, commitments, and initiatives made to increase the participation of women, minorities, and disabled veterans-owned business enterprises in procurement by regulated utilities and other entities.

Please see the agenda and more information at: www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/supplierdiversity/index.htm.

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.

If you plan to attend and need specialized accommodations, please contact the Public Advisor's Office at least three business days in advance of the meeting at CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., Room 2103, San Francisco, CA 94102 or call 1-866-849-8390 or 1-415-703-2074; or email public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

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