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**CPUC PRESIDENT PEEVEY CONFIRMED
FOR NEW TERM BY STATE SENATE**

SAN FRANCISCO, December 17, 2009 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today announced that its President, Michael R. Peevey, was confirmed by the California Senate for a new six-year term.

President Peevey was first appointed to the CPUC by former Governor Davis in March 2002. In December 2008 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger reappointed President Peevey, leading to today's confirmation.

The many initiatives spearheaded by President Peevey include groundbreaking work in the areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and climate change. He was instrumental in creating the state's first Energy Action Plan, and says he looks forward to continuing to position California as a leader in clean energy initiatives and policies. "I would like to thank the Governor and the Legislature for the opportunity to work with a wonderful team of people at the CPUC who are dedicated to protecting consumers and our environment," said President Peevey. "I look forward to continuing our efforts in the coming years as we add more renewables to the state, reduce greenhouse gases, and make energy efficiency a way of life in California."

CPUC Commissioners are appointed by the Governor to serve six-year terms. They must be confirmed by the state Senate within a year of their appointment. The yearly salary for the CPUC's President is \$132,178.92.

For more information on President Peevey, please visit
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