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## **CPUC WELCOMES NEW GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4, 2010 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today welcomed Edward Randolph as its new Director of Governmental Affairs and Senior Policy Advisor, effective March 10, 2010.

Mr. Randolph comes to the CPUC from his current position as Chief Consultant to the California State Assembly's Committee on Utilities and Commerce, a position he has held since 2003.

The CPUC's Office of Governmental Affairs assists California ratepayers, state and federal legislative offices, and local government officials with utility issues regulated by the CPUC. Mr. Randolph will direct the activities of the Office, including monitoring legislative activity and overseeing the preparation of formal analysis of bills. As Senior Policy Advisor, Mr. Randolph will also assist in developing policies across all CPUC jurisdictional areas.

"It is a real victory for the CPUC to have someone of Mr. Randolph's caliber lead our Office of Governmental Affairs," said CPUC President Michael R. Peevey. "Mr. Randolph's knowledge of the industries regulated by the CPUC and his expertise in governmental relations will help us improve and maintain our communication and interaction with the Legislature."

Mr. Randolph was appointed to this vacant position at the CPUC by Governor Schwarzenegger today.

Said Mr. Randolph, "I thank Governor Schwarzenegger for the opportunity to take a different seat at the policy table. The CPUC is involved in a number of wonderful initiatives around issues such as

Assembly Bill 32 implementation, expanding broadband, promoting water efficiency and conservation, and overseeing consumer safety. I look forward to hitting the ground running and putting my expertise to work at the CPUC.”

In his role as Chief Consultant to the California State Assembly’s Committee on Utilities and Commerce, Mr. Randolph worked extensively on expanding California’s use of renewable power, the creation of the California Solar Initiative, and energy efficiency legislation. Prior to his role with the Committee on Utilities and Commerce, Mr. Randolph served as Senior Consultant to Assemblymember Lloyd Levine, as both Chief of Staff and Senior Consultant to former Assemblymember Joe Canciamilla, and as Chief of Staff to former Assemblymember Lou Papan.

Mr. Randolph, 40, earned a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, San Diego, and a Juris Doctorate degree from the McGeorge School of Law where he graduated with great distinction. Mr. Randolph is a Democrat and he resides in Sacramento.

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