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PUC TO HOLD PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS ON SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S WOMEN, MINORITY, DISABLED VETERANS PROGRAM

The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will hold Public Participation Hearings (PPH) on Southern California Edison's (Edison) Women, Minority, Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise Program (WMDVBE):

Oct. 23, 2002

2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Alhambra City Council Chamber

111 S. First St.

Alhambra

Since 1988, Edison has been required to develop and maintain a program to inform, recruit and obtain at least 15 percent of the products and services it purchases from minority businesses, 5 percent from women businesses, and 1.5 percent from disabled veterans. Under the WMDVBE Program, Edison, as well as other Commission-regulated gas, electric, and telephone utilities with gross annual revenues exceeding \$25 million, are required to submit to the Commission annual detailed and verifiable plans for increasing procurement contracts with women, minority, and disabled veteran businesses.

The PPHs are being held in connection with Edison's General Rate Case, in which the Commission takes a broad, in-depth look at the utility's revenues, expenses, programs, and financial outlook and considers the quality of service and other factors to arrive at just and reasonable rates.

The Commission wishes to have public input Edison's WMDVBE Program so far and suggestions for the future. Participants may present either oral or written comments.

The Commission's policy is to hold hearings in locations that are accessible to everyone. If specialized accommodations are needed, such as sign language or foreign language interpreters, please contact the Public Advisor's Office at 415-703-2590, or by TTY at 415-703-5282 or TTY 1-866-836-7825.

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