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PUC COMMISSIONER GRUENEICH RECEIVES UNANIMOUS CONFIRMATION BY SENATE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20, 2005 - The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today announced that the State Senate voted unanimously, 36-0, yesterday to confirm the appointment of Dian M. Grueneich as a member of the Commission.

“I am honored to have received the unanimous approval of the Senate. I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation and reconfirm my commitment to serve the people of California as a Commissioner at the PUC,” said Commissioner Grueneich. “The broad base of support I received reflects the emphasis I will place on working with a wide range of interests in my time at the PUC.”

Commissioner Grueneich’s supporters include the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), the Commission’s Office of Ratepayer Advocates, The Utility Reform Network, the California Manufacturers & Technology Association, the Coalition of California Utility Employees and the California League of Conservation Voters in the Committee hearings. Commissioner Grueneich also received support letters from the following organizations, reflecting a diverse range of consumer, business, and environmental groups: American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, the Association of California Community and Energy Services, the California Farm Bureau Federation, the California Retailers Association, the Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technology, the Center for Resource Solutions, the City of Berkeley, the City of Corona, the City of Rancho Cucamonga, the Clean Power Campaign, the California Large Energy Consumers Association, the Communications Workers of America, the Community College League of California, the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, The Irvine Company, the Pacific Institute, Senator Nell Soto, the State Building and Construction Trades Council, the Union of Concerned

Scientists, the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitters Industry, and California State University.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Commissioner Grueneich to the PUC and she was sworn in on Jan. 18, 2005. Commissioner Grueneich will serve a six-year term that ends on Jan. 1, 2011. Under state law, once appointed by the Governor, Commissioners may serve up to one year in their post before confirmation from the State Senate is required.

For a biographical sketch and photo of Commissioner Grueneich, please visit the PUC's website at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/aboutcpuc/commissioners/04grueneich/index.htm>.

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