



# California Public Utilities Commission

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## News Release

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### **PUC AND PARTNERS HOST LOW INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY SYMPOSIUM IN LOS ANGELES**

June 1, 2006 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is co-sponsoring a Low Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) Symposium in Los Angeles with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the California Municipal Utilities Association. The goals of the symposium include shining a spotlight on LIEE programs in California and determining whether the programs require revisions. The Commission has invited experts from across the country to share with California their experiences with LIEE. In the end, the Commission hopes to motivate more agencies and municipalities into creating and/or expanding their own LIEE program. DOE and EPA are showcasing this workshop as part of a national effort to support energy efficiency.

“Consumers have enough to worry about with the increasing cost of heating and cooling their homes. Regulators, utilities, and community-based organizations must take the responsibility of creating or expanding residential energy efficiency programs, especially for those with limited incomes,” said PUC Commission Dian M. Grueneich.

**WHEN:** Thurs., June 8, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** Los Angeles Department of Water & Power  
Main Auditorium, First Floor  
111 North Hope St., Los Angeles

Please see the agenda below. To register for this free symposium, please visit [http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/hottopics/1energy/060505\\_liee.htm](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/hottopics/1energy/060505_liee.htm).

For more information on the PUC please visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov).

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## **AGENDA**

### **8:30 – 8:45 COORDINATING PANEL: WELCOME**

Dian M. Grueneich, Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission  
Cathy Iverson, Senior Energy Specialist, U.S. Department of Energy  
Jerry Jordan, Executive Director, California Municipal Utilities Association  
David Lee, Branch Chief, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Mary Nichols, President, Los Angeles Department of Water & Power Board of Directors

### **8:45 – 9:30 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS: THE IMPORTANCE OF LOW INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

Senator Richard Polanco, Chairman, California Latino Caucus Institute  
Deborah Reed, Program Director, Population, Public Policy Institute of California  
Bill Slaton, Board Member, Sacramento Municipal Utility District  
Frances Spivy-Weber, Executive Director, Policy, Mono Lake Committee

### **9:30 – 10:30 PANEL I: LOW INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY: THE MANY STAKEHOLDER ROLES**

Moderator: Yole Whiting, San Diego Gas & Electric/Southern California Gas Company

Panelists:

Joel Eisenberg, Oak Ridge National Laboratory  
David Lee, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Kevin Monte de Ramos, KMDR Research, Inc.

### **DISCUSSION AND Q&A**

### **10:30 – 11:00 BREAK**

### **11:00 – 12:00 PANEL II: LEADING BY EXAMPLE: EXEMPLARY LIEE PROGRAMS**

Moderator: Dan York, American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy

Panelists:

Jim Grevatt, Efficiency Vermont  
Kathy Grey, Eugene Water & Electric Board  
Mariann Long, Anaheim Public Utilities Department, Anaheim, California  
Roland Risser, Pacific Gas & Electric Company

### **DISCUSSION AND Q&A**

### **12:00 – 1:00 PANEL III: THE BALANCING ACT OF EVALUATING SUCCESS: BENEFITS, COSTS, AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS**

Moderator: Jeff Schlegel, Independent Contractor

Panelists:

Sami Khawaja, Quantec, LLC  
Larry Pakenas, NYSERDA  
Pam Rathbun, PA Consulting

### **DISCUSSION AND Q&A**

### **1:00 CLOSING THOUGHTS – COORDINATING PANEL/OTHER OFFICIALS**