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PUC Announces New Executive Director

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12, 2007 – The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today announced that Paul Clanon has been named Executive Director, effective May 1, 2007.

Mr. Clanon currently serves as Deputy Executive Director for Administration and Operations at the PUC, a position he has held since January 2005, following eight years as Director of the PUC's Energy Division. He joined the PUC in 1984.

"Paul has extensive knowledge of the PUC's practices and procedures, both internal management and public decision-making, and I welcome him to his new position," said PUC President Michael R. Peevey.

"Paul brings continuity, experience, and dedication to his new role and he will make significant contributions to internal operations and external relationships," said Commissioner Dian M. Grueneich.

Added Commissioner John Bohn, "I have worked with Paul Clanon these two years, and he has been an effective Deputy Executive Director. I am delighted he will move up to the position of Executive Director."

"I commend Paul on this promotion and I look forward to working with him on the major reforms currently underway in the telecommunications arena," said Commissioner Rachelle Chong.

Commissioner Timothy Alan Simon added, "In light of the challenges we face in the areas of broadband, climate change, and other important utility issues, Paul fits the criteria of institutional experience and continuity in leadership, which is important in this critical phase of the PUC's development."

"I have had the opportunity in my 22 years at the PUC to serve in every major staff role, from advisor to a Commissioner to supervisor to staff analyst. I am honored now to serve as the PUC's Executive Director," said Mr. Clanon. "I will work to set goals and manage staff resources to

achieve those goals, including constant attention to communication among staff, the Commissioners, parties, and other state agencies.”

Mr. Clanon replaces Steve Larson who has accepted a position as president of Woodside Natural Gas, a Santa Monica-based company. “I thank Steve for his work at the PUC the last three years and wish him well in his new endeavor,” said President Peevey. “Under Paul’s leadership we will continue our work to make the PUC the best state organization in government today.”

Mr. Clanon, 47, holds a Bachelor’s Degree in economics from UC Berkeley and is a jazz and blues doublebassist in his spare time. He grew up in the Sacramento Valley and lives in San Francisco.

The PUC’s Executive Director works with Commissioners, Directors, staff, oversight agencies, the Legislature, the Governor’s Office, and all external stakeholders to coordinate and facilitate timely handling of procedural matters and efficient internal operations. The Executive Director’s office works to anticipate regulatory and agency needs in order to develop and implement appropriate strategies to meet those needs. The Executive Director’s salary is \$123,852 - \$133,968 per year.

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