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## **CPUC NAMES NEW GENERAL COUNSEL**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29, 2008 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today named Frank Rich Lindh as General Counsel, effective June 23, 2008.

Mr. Lindh is currently an attorney at Pacific Gas and Electric Company in San Francisco. From 1996 until 1998, Mr. Lindh was General Counsel of Pacific Gas Transmission Company (now known as Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation), a major interstate natural gas pipeline serving California and the Pacific Northwest.

“On behalf of my fellow Commissioners and CPUC staff, I welcome Frank to the Commission,” said CPUC President Michael R. Peevey. “Frank brings with him a wealth of experience as an attorney and as an energy expert. I am confident he will hit the ground running and provide strong leadership to our Legal Division.”

In his career as an attorney, Mr. Lindh has worked in private law firms in Washington, D.C., and San Francisco and as an appellate attorney at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Mr. Lindh has served as an attorney on numerous cases affecting the California energy industry, often representing the interests of California consumers side-by-side with the CPUC’s attorneys and staff. He has authored and co-authored several law review articles on federal-state relations in the energy industry.

In his prior career as a social worker, Mr. Lindh worked in the private, non-profit sector, and for social services agencies in county, state, and federal government.



Mr. Lindh serves on the Board of Directors of the Energy Bar Association in Washington, D.C., and currently is President-Elect of the Association's Western Chapter. He also is a longstanding member of the Conference of California Public Utility Counsel.

Mr. Lindh holds a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He attended college at Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pennsylvania, and is an honors graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. He was admitted to the bar in the District of Columbia in 1985 and has been a member of the California bar since 1992.

"I look forward to beginning another chapter of my career at the Commission," said Mr. Lindh. "I have had the pleasure of working with many CPUC attorneys over the years, and I am excited to join such a competent and dedicated team of professionals."

The General Counsel oversees the CPUC's Legal Division, which is directed by statute to represent and appear for the people of the State of California and the CPUC in all actions and proceedings involving any question under the Public Utilities Code or under any order or act of the CPUC. The General Counsel receives an annual salary of \$139,000.

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