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CPUC INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT AT HEARING ON SAN DIEGO FIRES

SAN FRANCISCO, October 8, 2008 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today announced it will hold a public meeting to gather additional information regarding the October 2007 San Diego area fires. An Administrative Law Judge will facilitate the meeting and Commissioner Timothy Alan Simon and Senator Christine Kehoe are expected to speak. Other Commissioners from the CPUC and elected officials are also expected to attend and may make brief statements at the beginning of the meeting. The general public is invited to attend and provide their comments regarding the fires.

When: Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Where: Al Bahr Shrine Center
5440 Kearny Mesa Rd., San Diego

The CPUC's Consumer Protection and Safety Division will give a short presentation describing the results of their investigation into the fires, an overview of their role, and next steps in the process. Members of the public are being asked to share their observations, experiences, and other relevant information regarding the fires. The CPUC is particularly interested in obtaining information regarding tree trimming, line clearances, and other aspects of utility operations, from the public's perspective.

Public speakers are asked to limit their statements to 3 minutes in order to ensure that all members of the public have an opportunity to speak. If you cannot attend the public meeting you may forward your comments to the CPUC at sd2007fires@cpuc.ca.gov.



The hearing is intended to assist the CPUC in developing appropriate corrective measures in order to reduce the risk of fires in California. The meeting will be recorded by court reporters.

Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, and American Sign Language translators will be available. If other specialized accommodations are needed, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at (415) 703-2074 or TTY (415) 703-5282.

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