



**Supplemental Report of the 2006 Budget Act:
Response to Item 8660-001-0462**

**Progress Implementing the
Telecommunications Bill of Rights Decision:
The Consumer Protection Initiative**

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Executive Summary

In March 2006, the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) launched twenty-three initiatives to “empower and protect consumers in the modern telecommunications marketplace,” known as the Consumer Protection Initiative, or CPI.¹ The CPI was created to improve consumer education, complaint resolution, and law enforcement in the face of numerous telecommunications technological advances; the convergence of voice, data, and video; and increasing competition in the telecommunications marketplace.

Pursuant to requirements of the 2006 Budget Act, this report provides information on the progress that the PUC has made implementing the CPI decision. This report describes steps taken and associated expenditures made to implement these initiatives, and covers five subject areas: the Consumer Information Management System, the consumer complaint system, consumer education activities, outreach efforts, and prosecutions undertaken with the State Attorney General’s office.

The PUC’s new *Consumer Information Management System* (CIMS) will improve the Commission's ability to respond to consumer inquiries and complaints while upgrading the PUC's data gathering and analysis capabilities. CIMS is in the final stages of software development, hardware procurement, and process reengineering, and is scheduled for deployment this summer.

Through new funding approved by the Legislature, the PUC has hired and trained additional consumer affairs representatives to handle consumer complaints. Before the CPI decision there were approximately thirty representatives handling complaints. With the staffing level now up to forty-eight, the Consumer Affairs Branch (CAB) has significantly improved its complaint handling and responsiveness to consumer inquiries, even against the backdrop of increased call volume.

The CPI has several consumer education programs and activities, including a new *CalPhoneInfo* website, eight consumer education brochures in thirteen languages, and a coordinated multilingual media outreach campaign. Additionally, the CPI established new programs to involve community-based organizations and newly-hired outreach officers to provide education and assistance to the State's diverse population and its small-business segments. Program evaluations by the media and outreach contractors should be available by February, and an independent evaluation of the broader education program should be available this summer.

The PUC’s Consumer Protection and Safety Division (CPSD) has established the new Telecommunication Fraud Unit and has expanded its cooperation and coordination with the State Attorney General (AG) on prosecution of telecommunications scams. Working with the AG, CPSD has successfully prosecuted a major prepaid calling card scam, laying the groundwork for other investigations and prosecutions currently underway.

¹ Decision (D.) 06-03-013, *Decision Issuing Revised General Order 168, Market Rules to Empower Telecommunications Consumers and to Prevent Fraud*, March 2, 2006.

The Reporting Requirement

The 2006 Budget Act requires that the PUC report to the Legislature on the progress it has made in implementing the Telecommunications Bill of Rights Decision, otherwise known as the Consumer Protection Initiative (CPI; Decision 06-03-013).² The legislature asks the PUC to report on the following:

- a. The upgrade of the Consumer Information Management System, including the final project costs, the date of project implementation, and information on the increased operability of the upgraded system;*
- b. For the fiscal years of 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08, information on the consumer complaint system, including average time taken to resolve a consumer complaint, the number of outstanding complaints, and PUC's progress in reducing the number of outstanding complaints;*
- c. A summary of all consumer education activities undertaken by PUC under the decision and the findings of any evaluations of the consumer education program performed by PUC or on its behalf;*
- d. Information on all prosecutions undertaken in cooperation with the Attorney General or local district attorneys under the decision; and*
- e. Information on all community outreach activities and expenditures pursuant to the decision.*

This report is organized by the five topics identified above as “a” through “e.”

A. Consumer Information Management System (CIMS)

The upgrade of the Consumer Information Management System, including the final project costs, the date of project implementation, and information on the increased operability of the upgraded system.

The Communications Division is currently working with the PUC's Consumer Service and Information Division (CSID), the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA), and the Consumer Protection and Safety Division (CPSD) on development and installation of the new Consumer Information Management System (CIMS).

The vast majority of complaints received by the Commission involve communications services. Recognizing the need to enhance consumer protection in a rapidly changing utility environment, the PUC adopted D.06-03-013, the Consumer Protection Initiative, in 2006. Among other things, the CPI included procurement of new software and hardware to assist Commission staff in processing complaints and inquiries. The PUC issued a Request for Proposals in mid-2007. The estimated total cost for CIMS is \$3.9 million.

² “In order to evaluate the progress of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in implementing the Telecommunications Consumer Bill of Rights decision, [the] PUC shall report to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature on or before January 10, 2008....,” Item 8660-001-0462, *Supplemental Report of the 2006 Budget Act*, p. 42.

The design, testing, and acceptance phases of the project are being managed on a day-to-day basis by Bluecrane, a professional project management consultant with experience in such large system development. In October 2007, the software contract was awarded to BIS Computer Solutions, Inc., of La Crescenta, California. The CIMS Project Charter is included as Appendix A to this report.

CIMS will improve the Commission's ability to respond to inquiries, to resolve complaints, and to enhance enforcement efforts, and will significantly upgrade data gathering and analysis capabilities throughout the PUC. New management capabilities will include improved case tracking and resolution, more finely tuned categorization of inquiries and complaints, more efficient internal case assignment, and more robust data for use in complaint appeals and enforcement efforts.

At this writing, the design phase is concluding. Software code development will occur over the first quarter of 2008, followed by testing, verification, and training in the second quarter. CIMS is expected to come online in the Consumer Affairs Branch (CAB) in July. CIMS installation will occur in conjunction with implementation of a new procedures manual for CAB and the integration of an upgraded Interactive Voice Response (IVR) telephone system.

While the procurement stage for the software took longer than expected, the overall project is on-time and on-budget, one-third of the way into its deployment schedule. The following table lists the final project costs.

**Table 1
CIMS Project Costs**

	Costs To-Date	Projected Costs	Total Costs
One-time costs	\$2,311,097	\$1,488,350	\$3,799,447
Continuing costs	\$3819	\$172,100	\$175,919
Total project costs	\$2,314,916	\$1,660,450	\$3,975,366

Cost details are presented in the Project Funding Plan, included as Appendix B to this report.

B. Consumer Complaint System Performance

For the fiscal years of 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08, information on the consumer complaint system, including average time taken to resolve a consumer complaint, the number of outstanding complaints, and PUC's progress in reducing the number of outstanding complaints.

Complaint Handling

The PUC provides assistance to consumers both over the phone and in writing through its Consumer Affairs Branch (CAB). CAB assists consumers by answering inquiries and

resolving informal complaints about utility bills and services. Currently, informal complaints must be submitted in writing. Urgent matters such as potential disconnections may be made by phone and are treated as the highest priority. In Fiscal Year 2006/07 CAB fielded a total of approximately 109,000 inquiries and informal complaints and was able to assist consumers in obtaining approximately \$20 million in refunds. Approximately half of these inquiries and complaints were telecommunications industry complaints.

CAB representatives spend an average of approximately five minutes handling each telephone call to the complaint-line 800 number. Call handling time is determined by a number of factors. Consumers who have questions and complaints often call CAB when they are unable to resolve problems with their utility provider. CAB representatives must elicit complex billing/service information from often-frustrated consumers, distill the information for processing, reference applicable regulatory requirements, and frequently must connect with a utility representative for a three-way problem-solving phone conference.

Thanks to the Legislature's approval of CAB staff and program augmentation, the PUC was able to increase its CAB staffing to historically high levels. New staffing enabled the opening of a Sacramento CAB office as well as new initiatives aimed at improving customer service. Staffing levels have increased to forty-eight Consumer Service Representatives, ten Consumer Service Supervisors, and three Consumer Service Managers.

**Table 2
Consumer Affairs Branch Staffing Levels**

Fiscal Year	Managers	Supervisors	Representatives
2004 / 2005	1	6	31
2005 / 2006	1	6	27
2006 / 2007	2	8	39
2007 / 2008*	3	10	48

* FY 2007-2008 statistics are reported for the partial year ending December 31, 2007.

In addition to the increased staffing levels, the necessary resources have been committed to a multi-prong approach to improving operations. The results have been positive for year-end 2007 despite new commitments such as the handling of LifeLine service eligibility appeals.³ The PUC expects that 2008 will see further improvements in CAB and in its ability to provide customer service in the rapidly changing telecommunications industry and other utility industries.

³ See General Order 153 - *Order to implement the Moore Universal Telephone Service Act* [California Public Utilities Code § 871 et seq.]. LifeLine applicants must now provide certain documentation of eligibility for the reduced-price basic telephone service, and CAB is the unit within the PUC responsible for processing LifeLine customers' appeals when eligibility is denied.

At the end of 2007, CAB has shown measurable improvement in all areas. Currently, there are approximately 10,000 open informal complaints including California Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (LifeLine) eligibility appeals. This number falls within the reasonable expected range of open complaints given the very large number of additional LifeLine complaints and appeals that CAB processed in FY 2006/07.

Table 3
Summary of Consumer Complaints to the CPUC

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08*</i>
Telephone Complaint Cases	17,868	15,536	29,357	15,274
Written Complaint Cases Filed	27,752	24,806	23,945	14,089
Written Complaints Resolved	18,085	33,872	29,565	18,301
Cases outstanding (at end of FY)	25,733	16,604	10,976	10,039
Backlog (over 90 days from date written complaint filed)	21,441	14,515	2,648	5,350
Average Time Written Complaints Open (Days)	299	376	85	122

**FY 2007-08 statistics reported for partial year ending December 31, 2007.*

Another prime metric for CAB performance is the speed with which consumer calls to CAB's complaint-line 800 number are answered. Over the past year CAB has been able to decrease the average time to connect with a CAB representative from approximately five minutes to ninety seconds. This improvement was enabled by the Legislature's approval of staff and program augmentation, as well as by CAB's structural and operational upgrades focused on customer service. Moreover, CAB has begun using a new metric that is more sensitive and more commonly used to track such performance, and will use it to track further progress. That metric shows that CAB representatives are currently able to answer approximately 80 percent of incoming calls within forty-five seconds.⁴

⁴ Statistical note: While the average-time metric can reveal major changes in performance, the 80th-percentile metric is also sensitive to less dramatic performance changes, as it is less susceptible to statistical artifacts such as extreme outliers and skewed distributions. Such artifacts can cause the average to fluctuate inconsistently, even if a high percentage of the performance data is stable.

New Initiatives

In 2007 CAB launched and continued a number of initiatives aimed at increasing the efficiency of answering inquiries, resolving informal complaints, and educating consumers. The initiatives include:

- A new customer relations database – the Consumer Information Management System (see above) that will move CAB toward a paperless environment. The expected “go-live” date is 3Q 2008.
- A business processes reengineering effort culminating in creation of clear written processes and methods, and reference material in the form of the “CAB Procedures Manual,” with an expected completion of 3Q 2008. This effort is among the first at the PUC to fully document major business processes.
- Creation of the Customer Service Academy – a training program for all CAB personnel on how to interact with consumers to resolve complaints more efficiently. The Academy training was completed in 4Q 2007, with fifty-nine Consumer Affairs Managers, Consumer Affairs Supervisors, and Consumer Affairs Representatives completing 160 hours per person in customer relations management training.
- Creation and staffing of the CAB office in Sacramento dedicated to resolution of Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (LifeLine) certification and billing issues. This office was established and online in 4Q 2007 utilizing dedicated staff to administer the Commission’s responsibilities to verify and certify approximately 3.5 million Lifeline program recipients.
- An upgraded telephone system that will allow a greater integration of activities in CAB offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Sacramento, and allow for institution of a planned quality assurance/training unit. Expected go-live date for the updated system is the end of 2Q 2008.
- A consistent effort with major communications and energy utilities to increase electronic communications, thus reducing processing time and eliminating duplicative work for CAB in processing informal complaints.

These initiatives are long term investments made possible by the Legislature. In the short term the PUC has carefully measured the improvement in CAB customer service in a number of ways. CAB has significantly improved customer service based on industry standards, including “live speed of answer.” By the end of 2007 CAB began to experience an increase in case closures (both current and backlog) as a result of paper flow improvement processes established with regulated utilities.

C. Consumer Education Activities

A summary of all consumer education activities undertaken by PUC under the decision and the findings of any evaluations of the consumer education program performed by PUC or on its behalf

Education Activities

In the Telecommunications Consumer Bill of Rights proceeding the Commission concluded that the best way to improve California consumers' telecommunications service experience was to establish a Consumer Protection Initiative (CPI). In March 2006 the Commission directed CSID to create a Consumer Education Initiative (CEI). While waiting for funding, CSID created an initial education program using available resources and including assistance from telecommunications carriers and consumer groups. This section summarizes the initial program and describes the events through December 2007 in the ongoing education program.

Appendix C to this report presents a slide show overview of the CEI that PUC Commissioner Rachelle Chong presented to the Consumer Affairs Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners on November 11, 2007.

The initial program. The program was launched on June 29, 2006, three months after the decision was issued. The program included consumer education brochures and a new website (more details are provided below), a media campaign, and several outreach efforts. To launch the CEI, the PUC, the carriers, and consumer groups joined in a media blitz to educate consumers about the resources available to them. All of the telecommunications carriers sent a bill insert message or a text message advising their consumers that they could contact the PUC for information and assistance, and consumer groups continued their efforts to educate consumers about telecommunications issues.

The initial brochures. Four brochures were printed in English, Spanish, and Chinese and were circulated to libraries, community centers, local, state and federal government offices, and Community Based Organizations (CBOs), and were used by our outreach staff, the utilities, and the consumer groups. The following brochures were circulated:

- *Understanding the Bill*
- *General Phone Tips*
- *Ten Tips for Buying Wireless Service*
- *Slamming and Cramming*

The website. The CalPhoneInfo.com website features a "tip of the day," presents the four brochures in the three languages, and presents additional text copies of translations of the brochures in Tagalog, Korean, Thai, Khmer, Hmong, Arabic, Armenian, Russian, Farsi and Vietnamese. In all, the information contained in the brochures is available in thirteen languages. The website also had "hot issues," links to other useful resources, FAQs, other advisories, the fraud hotline number, and an online complaint form. A large font feature and audio files of the text of the four brochures in English and Spanish were

created and posted to the site to assist people who are vision impaired. The site is updated periodically.

The ongoing education program. The ongoing program has expanded the informational materials, the website, and continuing education through additional mass media, and has expanded the information and assistance available for small businesses.

- Four more brochures have been created (1) Late Payment, Deposits and Disconnections; (2) Who to Complain to; (3) Debt Collectors; and (4) VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol).
- The original four brochures were rewritten at a lower reading level and all eight are now available in the thirteen languages noted above.
- All eight of the brochures in all languages are posted on the website for easy downloading. Additional advisories, tips, and hot issues are also posted.
- The PUC contracted with One World Communications and Media Solutions for a media campaign that produced and placed advertising and commercials in broadcast and print markets. These advertisements and commercials advise consumers to contact the PUC if they need information about telecommunications services. Ads have been created in English, Spanish, and Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin). The contractors established a call center where consumers can get brochures or be referred to Community Based Organizations (CBO) for assistance. Operators fluent in English, Spanish, Mandarin and Cantonese staff the center.
- The PUC has contracted with Richard Heath and Associates to coordinate CBOs throughout California to provide information and education about communications-related choices, rights, and consumer protections for hard-to-reach communities and consumers, including senior, disabled, low-income, non-English speaking, and limited-English proficiency communities.
- Small Business information and assistance. The CPI decision directed CSID's director to evaluate and report on the need for a Small Business ombudsman, since small businesses are greatly affected by the competitive marketplace but usually do not employ experts to assist them with their telecommunications choices or complaints. In addition, SB 1436, passed in 2007, required state agencies to designate a Small Business Liaison with essentially the same role as the PUC's Small Business ombudsman. The Public Advisor is currently the designated Small Business Liaison/Ombudsman at the PUC; however, the division is recruiting a senior level analyst to fill the position. In addition, the Commission has developed a small-business website and is looking at developing an informal complaint process exclusively for these businesses.
- Expanded education through outreach. The PUC has increased outreach staffing and has experimented with other methods of education. One example is bill information fairs, where PUC staff members have joined with consumer advocacy groups and local elected officials in sponsoring and participating in their events. The PUC has also established "train the trainer" workshops. Further information about these efforts is included in section E below.

- Education and complaint resolution assistance to Limited-English Proficiency (LEP) consumers. The CPI decision directed PUC staff to evaluate needs of consumers who have limited English proficiency. The ensuing staff report highlighted concerns specific to those consumers and recommended a formal proceeding to examine the concerns more closely as well as to find remedies.⁵ The Commission formally investigated the needs of LEP consumers, and as a result directed staff to implement an LEP outreach program.⁶ The Commission's formal Resolution approving CSID's program for outreach, education, and complaint resolution is included as Appendix D to this report.⁷ CSID is in the process of implementing the program adopted in the resolution.

Evaluations

The purpose of the Telecommunications Consumer Education Program (TCEP) as the major element of the CPI is to inform consumers sufficiently so they can make educated choices about their own communications needs and resources in California's dynamic, ever-changing communications marketplace. The goal is to have consumers understand how they can resolve communications service problems and avoid being victimized by fraud. The theoretical underpinning of the education program is the proposition that competitive markets function best to the extent that consumers have accurate and timely information.

To assess the practical impact of the Commission's education efforts, an evaluation contract has been awarded to the Evaluation and Training Institute (ETI) of Los Angeles, California, with funding of \$230,000. ETI is currently completing the design for its research program to assess the impact and value of the PUC's Consumer Education Program. To assist in completing its research design, ETI will conduct collaborative forums and inter-active interviews. The evaluation will assess the impact of the media and outreach programs, as well as the other educational activities taken immediately after the CPI was adopted (described earlier in this report). ETI will also examine complaint data and will contact individual consumers about their complaint experiences with the Commission as those experiences relate to the Consumer Education Program.

⁵ *Challenges Facing Consumers with Limited English Skills in the Rapidly Changing Telecommunications Marketplace*. CPUC staff report, October 5, 2006. <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/Published/Report/60608.htm>.

⁶ Decision (D.) 07-07-043, *Decision addressing the needs of telecommunications consumers who have limited English proficiency*. http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/FINAL_DECISION/70869.htm. In D.07-07-043, the PUC established rules requiring telecommunications carriers marketing in a language other than English to provide certain support to consumers in that language. Specifically, telecommunications carriers must offer consumers to whom they market in a non-English language: (1) live person-to-person in-language customer support during business hours; (2) additional in-language information about the transaction (such as an in-language contract, or a confirmation summary of the purchase, either in-language, or with methods for the customer to obtain translation of the summary); and (3) mandated notices and disclosures in that non-English language. The rules do not apply to wholesale/business customers or those obtaining wireless services on a prepaid or month-to-month basis.

⁷ Resolution CSID – 002 – *To design and implement a program that integrates Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in the Commission's outreach, education and complaint resolution processes, for consumers who have limited English proficiency (LEP), as ordered in D.07-07-043, December 12, 2007*. http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/Published/Final_resolution/76444.htm.

ETI has scheduled the phases of its work as follows: (1) completion of the research program design in early February, (2) conducting surveys and analyzing already-existing data in February, March, and April, (3) final data-analysis in May, and (4) producing and delivering the final report to the Commission in June 2008.

D. Prosecutions

Information on all prosecutions undertaken in cooperation with the Attorney General or local district attorneys under the decision.

Prosecutions and coordinated efforts undertaken by the PUC in cooperation with the California Attorney General include the following:

- Devine Communications case. As a result of the Consumer Safety and Protection Division's (CPSD) coordination with the California Attorney General (AG), the Superior Court of California issued a ground-breaking judgment against the California prepaid calling card company, Devine Communications, Inc.⁸ The judgment (1) requires Devine to clearly disclose all fees, surcharges, and other costs (including "maintenance fees") associated with the use of their prepaid calling cards; (2) prohibits Devine from using misleading advertising; and (3) imposed civil penalties of \$118,000. The complaint against Devine found that Devine operated without a license, engaged in unfair competition, and disseminated untrue and misleading statements.

The PUC/AG complaint further alleged that Devine overstated the number of minutes of calling time to various destinations and charged substantial undisclosed surcharges and fees that quickly exhausted the balance on customers' prepaid calling cards. In some cases, Devine failed to disclose that it was the company offering the service by selling cards in California under various brands, including "Suertang Dagat Lucky Sea," "Buong Mondo," "Tipid Na Tipid," "Pinoy Ilocano," "Coast to Coast," "Pacman," "People Power," and "Viva Latina."

- CPSD is currently working with the AG's office to identify and prosecute other prepaid calling card companies violating federal, state, and CPUC rules and regulations. Additional investigations are in process, but the details are confidential consistent with investigation protocols.
- CPSD management regularly meets with the AG's office to share information on customer complaints and complaint trends. At the AG's request, CPSD provides complaint data to the AG's office to assist them in pursuing alleged violators.
- Pursuant to the Consumer Protection Initiative Decision, the Commission established the Telecommunication Fraud Unit. This unit is comprised of eight enforcement analysts who investigate telecommunications fraud and abuse. To

⁸ Megalink Telecom, Inc., doing business as Devine Communications, Inc.

monitor consumer complaints and identify targets for investigations, the Fraud Unit analyzes complaint data received by the Commission's Consumer Affairs Branch. In addition to collaborating with the Attorney General, the Fraud Unit also works closely with federal and state agencies and community-based organizations. The staff participates in monthly conference calls among state regulators to discuss consumer issues, and quarterly meetings with the California Consumer Affairs Association, whose members include various district attorneys, the Better Business Bureau, the Department of Consumer Affairs, and other state agencies. The staff also works with community-based organizations through the various outreach activities conducted by the Commission to identify and address consumer issues.

E. Community Outreach

Information on all community outreach activities and expenditures pursuant to the decision.

Activities

Since the Consumer Education Initiative (CEI) Decision, the PUC has hired three more outreach officers to assist in educating and providing services to California's diverse communities. In addition we have been partnering with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and consumer advocacy groups to hold information fairs, have contracted for outreach and education through the media and with CBOs, and have begun preparations to provide more education, outreach and complaint resolution assistance to Limited-English Proficient consumers, as noted in Section C above.

- The PUC has expanded its outreach by filling, in mid 2007, three Outreach Officer positions -- one in Los Angeles, one for the San Joaquin Valley and another for the Inland Empire (San Bernardino and Riverside Counties). The Outreach Officers provide materials to numerous community and service organizations, governmental agencies, and small business associations. They give presentations about telecommunications issues, alerting consumers about scams and how to avoid them and what to do if there are fraudulent charges on their telecommunications bills. In addition, the Outreach Officers have been working with consumer advocacy organizations to train CBO volunteers in assisting consumers who may turn to them for help. Outreach Officers pay particular attention to service organizations that assist consumers who are low-income, seniors, disabled, or have limited proficiency in English.
- In partnership with the utilities and Community-Based Organizations, the PUC has hosted five bill information fairs in Oakland, San Francisco, San Bernardino, San Ysidro (near San Diego) and Salinas. At these events consumers were able to speak directly with representatives of energy and telecommunications companies about their bills and get information about assistance programs. Other state and local assistance agencies have participated in the fairs, including food banks,

community shelters, and the nutrition program, WIC⁹. PUC staff members also joined consumer groups and community leaders at their own local bill and energy fairs. These events have included the Latino Issues Forum's events in Fresno and Stockton, Los Angeles City Councilman Bernard Parks' event at Exposition Park, and State Assembly speaker Fabian Nunez's event in Boyle Heights. PUC staff also participated in the Spice of Los Angeles event.

Expenditures

Expenditures through December 2007 for the CPI media and community outreach activities are as follows:

**Table 4
Outreach Expenditures**

	FY 2006-07	FY 2007-08	Total
OneWorld Communications	\$618,948		\$618,948
Richard Heath & Associates	\$941,725	\$282,518	\$1,224,243
OneWorld Communications	\$9,999		\$9,999
Media Solutions	\$3,500,000		\$3,500,000
Total	\$5,070,672	\$282,518	\$5,353,190

Additional miscellaneous costs include approximately \$100,000 for facilities, supplies and advertising at the bill information fairs.

⁹ Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

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Consumer Information Management System (CIMS) Project Charter

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CPUC Consumer Education Initiative Campaign

**Slide Show Presentation to the Consumer Affairs Committee
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**Commissioner Rachelle Chong
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