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CPUC NAMES NEW SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT DIRECTOR

SAN FRANCISCO, February 20, 2015 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today announced that Elizaveta Malashenko was selected as the new Director of the Safety and Enforcement Division, and will assume her new duties immediately.

“Safety is the CPUC’s number one priority, and the Safety and Enforcement Division is at the frontline. I am confident that with Elizaveta at the helm we can continue to build our safety and enforcement programs, better incorporate safety throughout the organization, and strategically assess and manage risk,” said CPUC interim Executive Director Timothy Sullivan.

Since March 2013, Ms. Malashenko has served as one of the Safety and Enforcement Division’s Deputy Directors and has achieved significant improvement in enforcement program performance, such as reducing a backlog of gas incident investigations pending for over a year from more than 300 to less than 10. She has established a utility risk assessment organization that is spearheading safety analysis in the ratemaking process; ensured completion of more than 70 audits, 300 incident investigations, and 200 customer and whistleblower complaints on an annual basis; and implemented new Citation programs and issued more than \$20 million in penalties.

Prior to joining the CPUC, Ms. Malashenko served as an executive management consultant with IBM Corporation where she led business transformation and strategy initiatives at some of the largest energy and utility companies in the U.S., including Duke Energy, Pepco, NiSource, and utilities in California, among many others.

“The Safety and Enforcement Division is in the process of significant transformation and I look forward to continuing my work and meeting the challenges that are before us,” said Ms. Malashenko. “My background in organizational change management and substantive expertise in safety oversight will serve me well in my new role and allow me to establish a continuous track record of delivering results. I look forward to working closely with all stakeholders to continue to make safety the CPUC’s number one priority.”

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