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CPUC COMMISSIONERS GUZMAN ACEVES AND RECHTSCHAFFEN CONFIRMED BY STATE SENATE

SAN FRANCISCO, September 16, 2017 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today announced that the State Senate has confirmed the appointments of Martha Guzman Aceves and Clifford Rechtschaffen as Commissioners of the CPUC. Both were appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Said Commissioner Guzman Aceves, “During these challenging times, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve with like-minded, visionary Commissioners as we forge a path to prudently transition our economy while keeping all utility services safe, clean, reliable, and affordable.”

Said Commissioner Rechtschaffen, “I am honored to serve as a Commissioner. I look forward to working to help achieve California’s ambitious climate and clean energy goals, and ensure that California consumers enjoy affordable, safe, and reliable utility service.”

Commissioner Guzman Aceves was appointed Commissioner at the CPUC by Governor Brown on Dec. 28, 2016. She previously served as deputy legislative affairs secretary in the Office of the Governor since 2011, focusing on natural resources, environmental protection, energy and food and agriculture. She was sustainable communities program director for the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation from 2005 to 2011. From 2006 to 2008, she worked with Swanton Berry Farm on human resources issues including a new employee-stock ownership program. She was legislative coordinator for United Farm Workers from 1999 to 2005, working on labor and environmental issues. Commissioner Guzman Aceves earned a Master of Science degree in agricultural and resource economics from the University of California, Davis. For more information



on Commissioner Guzman Aceves, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/Guzman_Aceves.

Commissioner Rechtschaffen was appointed Commissioner at the CPUC by Governor Brown on Dec. 28, 2016. He previously served as a senior advisor for Governor Brown from 2011 to 2017, where he worked on climate, energy, and environmental issues. In 2011 he also served as acting director of the California Department of Conservation. Commissioner Rechtschaffen served as a special assistant attorney general in the California Attorney General's Office from 2007 to 2010. From 1993 to 2007, he taught environmental law, directed the environmental law program, and co-founded the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic at Golden Gate University School of Law. In 2005 he was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia. He is the author of several books and numerous articles on environmental law and policy, and he is a graduate of Yale Law School and Princeton University. For more information on Commissioner Rechtschaffen, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/Rechtschaffen.

The terms for Commissioners Guzman Aceves and Rechtschaffen end on January 1, 2023.

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