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CPUC Commissioner Karen Douglas Confirmed by State Senate

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1, 2023 – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is pleased to announce that the California State Senate today confirmed the appointment of Karen Douglas as Commissioner at the CPUC.

Commissioner Douglas was [appointed](#) to the CPUC by Governor Gavin Newsom on Dec. 22, 2022.

“It is my privilege to serve the people of California at the CPUC. I thank the Governor and the Senate for this opportunity,” said Commissioner Douglas. “I look forward to continuing my work overseeing essential services that Californians rely on every day.”

Prior to her appointment to the CPUC, Commissioner Douglas served as the Senior Advisor for Energy in the Office of Governor Newsom since 2022. She was a California Energy Commission member from 2008 to 2022, and she was Director of the California Climate Initiative for the Environmental Defense Fund from 2005 to 2008. She held several positions at the Planning and Conservation League from 2001 to 2005, including Acting Executive Director and General Counsel. Commissioner Douglas earned a Juris Doctor degree from Stanford Law School and a Master of Public Policy degree in Environmental Policy from the University of Colorado Boulder.

More information on Commissioner Douglas is available on the CPUC’s [website](#).

Commissioners are appointed to the CPUC for six-year terms and require Senate confirmation within one year of taking the oath of office.

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