



California Public Utilities Commission

505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Docket #: I.02-04-026

Media Contact: Terrie Prosper, 415.703.1366, news@cpuc.ca.gov

PUC APPOINTS MEMBERS TO PG&E ENVIRONMENTAL BOARDS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16, 2004 – The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today appointed members to two Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) non-profit environmental boards created through the utility's bankruptcy settlement.

Appointed to the Land Conservation Commitment non-profit, known as the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council (Stewardship Council):

PUC Representative:

- Commissioner Geoffrey F. Brown
 - Alternate member: Bill Ahern

Public Representatives:

- Luis Arteaga
Executive Director
Latino Issues Forum Public Policy Institute
- The Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson
Assemblymember, Thirty-fifth District
Chair-Natural Resources Committee
- Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Jr.
Senior Pastor
Antioch Baptist Church

Appointed to the Clean Energy Technology Commitment:

- Jonathan Foster
Vice President, General Counsel, and Acting CFO
Atempo, Inc.
- Thomas Jacoby
President
Columbia Consulting Company
- Michael R. Peevey
President

PUC

The Stewardship Council will ensure that PG&E complies with the settlement agreement's requirement to donate lands or grant conservation easements to preserve environmentally beneficial use and access by the public to 140,000 acres associated with PG&E's hydroelectric facilities.

The Clean Energy Technology Commitment will support research and investment in clean energy technologies primarily in PG&E's service territory.

"Each of these entities has the potential to make an enduring contribution to preserving California's environmental quality, and putting our state in the forefront of developing clean energy technologies," said PUC President Michael R. Peevey. "We received applications to serve on these boards from a number of highly qualified people. The individuals appointed today all have shown a commitment to the environment and they will ensure that the intent of each board is met to the benefit of all Californians."

Under the terms of the bankruptcy settlement, the Commission appoints members to the Board of each organization to serve for no more than 18 months. Candidates submitted to the Commission a statement of interest and a resume.

Because the organizations are non-profit and have not yet adopted formal by-laws for governance, the positions will be on an unpaid/volunteer basis, unless and until such time as the Boards adopt bylaws with different provisions.

In a separate decision, the Commission, by a vote of 3-0 (with Commissioners Lynch and Wood abstaining), denied the applications for rehearing of Decision 03-12-035 regarding the PG&E bankruptcy settlement.

For more information on the PUC, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov.

###