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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) for Approval of its 2012-2014 California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and Energy Savings Assistance Programs and Budgets.

Application 11-05-017
(Filed May 16, 2011)

(NOT CONSOLIDATED)

Application of Southern California Gas Company (U904G) for Approval of Low-Income Assistance Program and Budgets for Program Years 2012-2014.

Application 11-05-018
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(NOT CONSOLIDATED)

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval of the 2012-2014 Energy Savings Assistance and California Alternate Rates for Energy Programs and Budget. (U39M)

Application 11-05-019
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(NOT CONSOLIDATED)

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902M) for Approval of Low-Income Assistance Programs and Budgets for Program Years 2012-2014.

Application 11-05-020
(Filed May 16, 2011)

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING
INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO
THE LOW INCOME OVERSIGHT BOARD**

Public Utilities Code¹ § 382.1 establishes a Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB) to advise the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) on low-income electric, gas, and water customer issues. The LIOB serves as a liaison for the Commission to low-income ratepayers and representatives. On October 15, 2011, the terms for three of the public positions on the LIOB come to an end. By this Ruling, I hereby invite any individual who is interested in applying for any of these positions to submit a letter of interest, a résumé, and three letters of reference.

The LIOB is comprised of 11 members. The positions expected to become open are held by three of five members selected by the Commission who have expertise in the low-income community and who are not affiliated with any state agency or utility. Each of these positions is for a two-year term from the date of appointment by the Commission.

As set forth in § 382.1, the responsibilities of the LIOB are to:

1. Monitor and evaluate implementation of all programs provided to low-income electricity, gas, and water customers.
2. Assist in the development and analysis of any assessments of low-income customer need.
3. Encourage collaboration between state and utility programs for low-income electricity and gas customers to maximize the leverage of state and federal energy efficiency funds to both lower the bills and increase the comfort of low-income customers.

¹ All statutory references are to the Public Utilities Code, unless otherwise noted.

4. Provide reports to the Legislature, as requested, summarizing the assessment of needs, audits, and analysis of program implementation.
5. Assist in streamlining the application and enrollment process of programs for low-income electricity and natural gas customers with general low-income programs, including, but not limited to, the Universal Lifeline Telephone Service program and, including compliance with § 739.1.
6. Encourage the usage of the network of community service providers in accordance with § 381.5.

The LIOB holds 4 to 5 meetings annually with additional meetings and/or conference calls as necessary. The LIOB alternates meeting locations between northern, central and southern California. Members of the LIOB are eligible for compensation in accordance with the state's travel guidelines.

Upon receipt and review of the applications, we will select candidates to be interviewed the last week in September, 2011. The application process for the final applicant will include a review of economic interests. We encourage applicants to refer to <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/forms/700-10-11/Form700-10-11.pdf> prior to submitting a letter of interest, to determine if potential conflicts of interest may exist. The nominee must be approved by the full Commission.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that:

Individuals interested in being appointed to the Low Income Oversight Board must submit a letter of interest, a resume, and three letters of reference, postmarked no later than August 12, 2011 to:

Rahmon O. Momoh
Advisor to Commissioner Timothy Alan Simon
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Electronic submissions are acceptable and should be emailed to rmm@cpuc.ca.gov no later than August 12, 2011.

Please note that interviews will be scheduled for the week
September 26, 2011.

Dated June 27, 2011, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TIMOTHY ALAN SIMON
Timothy Alan Simon
Assigned Commissioner