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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company
for Approval of the 2009-11 Low Income Energy
Efficiency and California Alternate Rates for
Energy Programs and Budget (U39M).

Application 08-05-022
(Filed May 15, 2008)

And Related Matters.

Application 08-05-024
Application 08-05-025
Application 08-05-026

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING
REQUESTING APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO
THE CONTRACTOR POSITION AND TWO PUBLIC POSITIONS OF
THE LOW-INCOME OVERSIGHT BOARD**

Public Utilities Code Section 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 September 6, 2009, the terms for a contractor position and two of the public positions on the LIOB comes 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 public positions are held by five members who have expertise in the low-income community and who are not affiliated with any state agency or utility. Public Utilities Code Section 382.1 also

requires one of the 11 LIOB members to be a representative of the private weatherization contractors. The three currently-open positions are for two-year terms from the date of appointment by the Commission.

As set forth in Public Utilities Code Section 382.1, the responsibilities of the LIOB are to:¹

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.
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 (ULTS) program and, including compliance with Section 739.1.
6. Encourage the usage of the network of community service providers in accordance with Section 381.5.

The LIOB holds four to five meetings annually with additional meetings and/or conference calls as necessary. The LIOB alternates meeting locations

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

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 application process for final applicants will include a review of economic interests. We encourage applicants to refer to <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/forms/700-05-06/Form700-05-06.pdf> prior to submitting a letter of interest, to determine if potential conflicts of interest may exist. The nominees must be approved by the full Commission.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that:

Individuals interested in being appointed to the Low-Income Oversight Board as a public representative or a representative of private weatherization contractors must submit a letter of interest, a résumé, and three letters of reference, by no later than July 23, 2009 to:

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Dated June 23, 2009, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DIAN M. GRUENEICH

Dian M. Grueneich
Assigned Commissioner

