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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)

And Related Matters.

Application 11-05-018 Application 11-05-019 Application 11-05-020

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

By no later than October 19, 2012, individuals interested in applying for the soon-to-be vacant public position on the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB) must submit a letter of interest, a résumé, and three letters of reference as ordered in this ruling.

Public Utilities Code Section 382.1 establishes the LIOB to advise the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) on low-income electric, gas, and water customer issues. The LIOB serves as a liaison between the Commission and the low-income ratepayers and representatives. On December 16, 2012, the term for one of the public positions on the LIOB will end.

The LIOB is comprised of 11 members. The position expected to become vacant is held by one of five members selected by the Commission who has expertise in the low-income community and who is not affiliated with any state agency or utility. The position is for a two-year term 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. 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 program and, including compliance with Public Utilities Code Section 739.1.
- 6. Encourage the usage of the network of community service providers in accordance with Public Utilities Code 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 between northern, central, and southern California. Members of the LIOB are eligible for compensation in accordance with the state's travel guidelines. (See Charter at

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# <u>http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/word\_pdf/FINAL\_RESOLUTION/68984.pdf</u> for current compensation rates.)

Upon receipt and review of the letters of interest and attendant submissions, I intend to select candidates to be interviewed in November 2012. The process for the final nomination, selection, and appointment will include a review of economic interests. We encourage applicants to refer to <u>http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=500</u> prior to submitting a letter of interest, to determine if potential conflicts of interest may exist. The final nominee must be approved by the full Commission.

#### **IT IS RULED** that:

1. Individuals interested in being appointed to the Low-Income Oversight Board to fill the soon-to-be vacant public member position shall submit a letter of interest, a resume, and three letters of reference, by October 19, 2012.

2. Individuals interested in being appointed to the Low-Income Oversight Board to fill the soon-to-be vacant public member position shall submit a letter of interest, a resume, and three letters of reference, in one of two ways:

(a) By mail, the submission shall be postmarked October 19, 2012, and mailed to:

Timothy Alan Simon, Commissioner California Public Utilities Commission Room 5205 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

- (b) By electronic submission, the electronic submission shall be emailed to <u>rmm@cpuc.ca.gov</u> no later than October 19, 2012.
- 3. This ruling shall be served on the service lists of proceeding

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Dated September 25, 2012, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TIMOTHY ALAN SIMON

Timothy Alan Simon Assigned Commissioner