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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Policies, Procedures and Rules for the Low Income Energy Efficiency Programs of California's Energy Utilities.

Rulemaking 07-01-042
(Filed January 25, 2007)

Southern California Edison Company's (U 338-E) Application for Approval of SCE's "Change A Light, Change The World," Compact Fluorescent Lamp Program.

Application 07-05-010
(Filed May 10, 2007)

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

Public Utilities (P.U.) Code § 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.

I issued an Assigned Commissioner's Ruling (ACR) on June 4, 2007 requesting applications for appointment to the LIOB. As noted in the subsequent ACR issued on June 11, 2007, one of the open positions is for a private weatherization contractor. On September 15, 2007, the term for the private weatherization contractor position on the LIOB comes to an end. P.U. Code § 382.1 requires the inclusion on the LIOB of a private weatherization contractor representative.

Since no applications have been received for this position, by this Ruling, I extend the deadline for receipt of applications to August 10, 2007 and invite any individual who is interested in applying for the contractor position to submit a letter of interest and a resumé, including references. This is a two-year term from the date of appointment by the Commission.

The contractor representative has the same responsibilities as the other members of the LIOB. As set forth in P.U. Code § 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.

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

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 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 private weatherization contractor must submit an original and three copies of a letter of interest and a resumé, including references, postmarked no later than August 10, 2007 to:

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Dated August 1, 2007, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DIAN M. GRUENEICH

Dian M. Grueneich
Assigned Commissioner