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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

Public Utilities Code<sup>1</sup> 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 between the Commission and the low-income ratepayers and their representatives. The terms of two members of the LIOB end on January 26, 2012.

The LIOB is comprised of 11 members, five of whom must have low-income community affiliation and no state agency or utility affiliation. The member positions that will become vacant in January 2012 are two of these five. Each will have a two-year term from the date of appointment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All statutory references are to the Public Utilities Code, unless otherwise noted.

As set forth in Pub. Util. Code § 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, in ensuring compliance with § 739.1.
- 6. Encourage the usage of the network of community service providers in accordance with § 381.5.

The LIOB meets 4 to 5 times, annually, in locations alternating between northern, central, and southern California. Members of the LIOB are eligible for compensation in accordance with the state's travel guidelines. Current travel compensation rules are available at:

## http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/word\_pdf/FINAL\_RESOLUTION/68984.pdf

By this Ruling, I invite individuals interested in applying for these positions to submit a letter of interest, a résumé, and three letters of reference to Commissioner Timothy Alan Simon, California Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102. Electronic transmittal is permissible and should be emailed to <u>RMM@cpuc.ca.gov</u>. All submittals must be received no later than December 16, 2011.

I will review applications and expect to interview selected candidates in January 2012.

Review of the economic interests of each nominee is a part of the process. I encourage all applicants to refer to

http://www.fppc.ca.gov/forms/700-10-11/Form700-10-11.pdf to identify potential conflicts of interest prior to submitting a letter of interest. Once cleared of any conflicts of interest, nominees to the LIOB must then be approved by vote of the full Commission.

## Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. Individuals interested in being appointed to the Low-Income Oversight Board must submit a letter of interest, a resume, and three letters of reference, to be received no later than December 16, 2011, to:

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

2. Electronic submissions are acceptable and should be emailed to

<u>RMM@cpuc.ca.gov</u> no later than December 16, 2011.

3. Interviews are expected to be scheduled during the month of January 2012.

4. This ruling shall be served on the A.08-05-022, et al., proceeding service list.

Dated November 21, 2011, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TIMOTHY ALAN SIMON

Timothy Alan Simon Assigned Commissioner