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FROM: Dian M. Grueneich, Commissioner CPUC 

RE: June 8, 2006 Low-Income Energy Efficiency Symposium

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Please mark your calendars! On June 8, the California Public Utilities Commissioner (CPUC), the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Department of Energy (DoE) are sponsoring a symposium on Low-Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) Programs. The symposium will be held at LADWP's Main Auditorium from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A draft agenda is available at: http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/060505_liee.htm. The agenda will be updated on a weekly basis.

With the skyrocketing costs of fossil fuels, whether it is gasoline for driving to work or natural gas for heating their homes, consumers are looking for ways to lower the associated costs. While these concerns are on all consumers' minds, those most impacted are those most vulnerable—low-income consumers. California has been a national leader in LIEE programs. But are we doing enough and are enough of us doing it?

These questions led to the development of our symposium. Our goals include putting a spotlight on the LIEE programs in California and determining whether our programs require revisions. The Commission has invited experts from across the country to share with California their experiences with LIEE. In the end, we hope to motivate more agencies and municipalities into creating and/or expanding their own LIEE program. DOE and EPA are showcasing this event as part of a national effort to support energy efficiency.

The symposium is being provided at no cost. To register, please go online at: http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/060505_liee.htm. We ask that everyone register by June 1. For questions or more information, please contact Kelly A. Hymes at the California Public Utilities Commission at khy@cpuc.ca.gov.

We look forward to your participation in this event and in future LIEE activities.