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## **CPUC COMMISSIONERS CONFIRMED BY STATE SENATE**

SAN FRANCISCO, January 23, 2012 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today announced that the State Senate unanimously confirmed the appointments of Mike Florio and Catherine J.K. Sandoval as Commissioners of the CPUC.

Said Commissioner Florio, "It is both a great honor and a sobering responsibility to be appointed and confirmed as a CPUC commissioner. My pledge to the people of California is that I will work like a horse on their behalf and always strive to promote the public interest in my decisions."

Said Commissioner Sandoval, "I am honored and humbled by the confidence of the California State Senate, Governor Brown, and the people of the State of California in my ability and qualifications to serve as a Commissioner of the California Public Utilities Commission. I pledge to be diligent in discharging our fundamental responsibility to ensure that utilities under our jurisdiction provide safe, reliable service at just and reasonable rates. I hope that our work will help the people of our golden state prosper."

Commissioner Florio was appointed to the CPUC in January 2011 by Governor Jerry

Brown. Prior to this appointment, Commissioner Florio was a senior attorney at The Utility Reform Network, and served in that capacity since 1978. Commissioner Florio is a member of California Conference of Public Utility Counsel. He was also a member of the board of governors of the California Independent System Operator from 1997 to 2005. Commissioner Florio holds a J.D. from New York University School of Law, a M.P.A. from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, and a B.A. from Bowling Green State University. His term expires on Jan. 1, 2017.

Commissioner Sandoval was appointed to the CPUC in January 2011 by Governor Brown. She has worked as an associate professor at Santa Clara University School of Law since 2004. She previously served as undersecretary and senior policy advisor for housing with the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency from 2001 to 2004. She was vice president and general counsel with Z-Spanish Media Corporation from 1999 to 2001 and was the director of the Office of Communications Business Opportunities for the Federal Communications Commission from 1994 to 1999. Commissioner Sandoval was an associate with Munger, Tolles & Olson from 1991 to 1994. She earned a J.D. from Stanford Law School, a Master of Letters in political science from Oxford, where she was a Rhodes Scholar, and a B.A. from Yale. Her term expires on Jan. 1, 2017.

More information on Commissioner Florio is available at [www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/aboutus/Commissioners/Florio/](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/aboutus/Commissioners/Florio/).

More information on Commissioner Sandoval is available at [www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/aboutus/Commissioners/Sandoval/](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/aboutus/Commissioners/Sandoval/).

High-resolution photos of the Commissioners are available at [ftp://ftp.cpuc.ca.gov/gopher-data/commissioner\\_pictures/](ftp://ftp.cpuc.ca.gov/gopher-data/commissioner_pictures/).

For more information on the CPUC, please visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov).

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