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**CPUC INVITES CENTRAL COAST CONSUMERS
TO OPEN ISSUE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING,
RESOURCE FAIR, AND VOTING MEETING**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 19, 2013 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today announced that it will hold a community Open Issue Public Participation Hearing, Resource Fair, and Voting Meeting in Carmel in August to reach out to consumers on the Central Coast.

Open Issue Public Participation Hearing

The CPUC will hold an Open Issue Public Participation Hearing with all Commissioners in attendance to offer the public an opportunity to provide comments to the Commissioners on any issue under CPUC jurisdiction.

WHEN: Aug. 14, 2013, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

WHERE: Sunset Cultural Center Auditorium, San Carlos Street between 8th and 9th Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921

Those who provide comment at the Open Issue Public Participation Hearing will not be allowed to repeat their comments during the Public Comment Session at the Voting Meeting, on Aug. 15, 2013. While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend the Open Issue Public Participation Hearing, no official action will be taken.

Resource Fair

At the CPUC's Resource Fair, which will run concurrent with the Open Issue Public Participation Hearing, approximately a dozen community groups and utilities will provide information and assistance on programs such as California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE), California LifeLine, telephone equipment for people with disabilities, bill issues, and more. In addition, the CPUC will have staff on hand to assist consumers with utility company complaints.

WHEN: Aug. 14, 2013, 3 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Sunset Cultural Center Lobby, San Carlos Street between 8th and 9th Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921

Voting Meeting

The CPUC will hold a Voting Meeting as follows:

WHEN: Aug. 15, 2013, 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Sunset Cultural Center Auditorium, San Carlos Street between 8th and 9th Avenues, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921

The CPUC typically holds Voting Meetings twice a month in San Francisco, but a few times per year it holds meetings in other parts of the state to better reach out to consumers. Those intending to make public comment at the Aug. 15, 2013, Voting Meeting can sign-up online and read the CPUC's Rules for Public Comment at www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/aboutus/Divisions/CSID/Public+Advisor/Public+Comment+Rules

The Aug. 15, 2013, Voting Meeting's agenda, list of items that will be held over to a different meeting, presentations, remote access, and other information pertaining to the meeting will be available at www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/aboutus/commmtgs.htm. The meeting will be accessible via a listen-only phone line and live and archived audio and video webcasts.

If specialized accommodations are needed for any of these events, such as sign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at least three business days in advance of the events at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or toll free at 866-849-8390.

The CPUC regulates privately owned electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water, railroad, rail transit, and passenger transportation companies, in addition to authorizing video franchises. Its five Governor-appointed Commissioners, as well as its staff, are dedicated to ensuring that consumers have safe, reliable utility service at reasonable rates, protecting against fraud, and promoting the health of California's economy.

For more information on the CPUC, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov.

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