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**CPUC HOSTS HEARING ON NOV. 7:
SUPPLIER DIVERSITY GROWING TO NEW HEIGHTS**

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29, 2013 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in its ongoing efforts to promote diversity in utility company practices, will hold its 11th annual public hearing to examine the diversity programs of the state's regulated utilities, discuss the CPUC's own commitment to diversity, and hear from community based organizations and other interested parties who will share their views on creating supplier diversity programs entrenched in economic development and job creation for the 21st century and beyond.

Hosted by CPUC President Michael R. Peevey, this year's theme is "General Order 156 – Supplier Diversity Growing to New Heights."

WHEN: November 7, 2013, 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

WHERE: Mission Bay Conference Center, 1675 Owens St., San Francisco

The CPUC's Commissioners will be joined by the Hon. Gwen Moore, executives of investor-owned utilities, and others to review the progress, commitments, and

initiatives made to increase the participation of women, minorities, and disabled veterans-owned business enterprises in procurement by regulated utilities and other entities.

The morning address will be delivered by Dr. Jake Beniflah, Executive Director of the Center for Multicultural Science.

The keynote address will be delivered by Stuart Ishimaru, Director of the Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in Washington, D. C.

Representatives of industry, government, academia, labor, community-based organizations, and other interested parties are expected to attend the hearing. Members of the public are invited to attend; a public comment session will be held.

If you plan to attend and need specialized accommodations, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at least five business days in advance of the meeting at CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., Room 2103, San Francisco, CA 94102 or call 1-866-849-8390 or 1-415-703-2074; or email public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

For more information, including an agenda, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/supplierdiversity/.

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