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## **CPUC TO HOST THOUGHT LEADERS EVENT ON CALIFORNIA'S AND GERMANY'S ENERGY POLICIES**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6, 2014 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today announced that its next "Thought Leaders Speaker Series" will feature a comparison between the energy and environmental policies of Germany and California. This informative discussion is free and open to the public.

**WHEN:** June 5, 2014, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** CPUC Auditorium, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco; also available in real-time and archived via video webcast at [www.californiaadmin.com/cpuc.shtml](http://www.californiaadmin.com/cpuc.shtml)

**WHAT:** The discussion will be around a comparison of California's energy policy versus that of Germany. How has Germany's Energy Transformation (Energiewende) fared and what do German ratepayers pay on their monthly bill for electricity consumption? How is California's push for green energy fared and are customers seeing higher/lower prices as a result? Finally, how are Green Energy and Energiewende changing the utility business model, if at all? There will be a 45-minute audience-driven question and answer session following the discussion.

**WHO:**

Panelists:

**Graham Weale** – Mr. Weale is the Chief Economist for RWE AG (one of the two largest German power companies) in the Essen Headquarter office. In this capacity along with responsibility for the company planning assumptions and forecasts he has led major studies on subjects such as the impact of the Energiewende, the consequences of the Euro-crisis and the outlook for decentralized generation. Previously he was Director of European Energy Services for Global Insight (now part of IHS CERA) where he undertook projects for energy companies throughout Europe, the European Commission, European governments and regulators, and acted as an expert witness on a number of high profile gas arbitration cases.



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Beforehand he worked as a management consultant with Deloitte specializing in energy liberalization issues.

**Fong Wan** – Mr. Wan is the senior vice president of Energy Procurement for Pacific Gas and Electric Company, and is responsible for gas and electric supply planning and policies, market assessment and quantitative analysis, supply development, and procurement and settlement. Wan joined Pacific Gas and Electric Company in 1988 as a financial analyst and spent six years in the Financial Planning and Analysis organization. He then worked in the Gas Supply and Electric Transmission business units before moving to PG&E Energy Trading in 1997. He served for four years as vice president, Risk Initiatives for PG&E Corporation Support Services, Inc, and was named vice president, Power Contracts and Electric Resource Development at PG&E in May 2004. He became vice president, Energy Procurement, in January 2006 and was named to his current position in October 2008.

To register for this event (not required, but appreciated) and for more information on Thought Leaders, including archived video webcasts of prior speakers, please visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov/thoughtleaders](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/thoughtleaders).

The CPUC hosts the “Thought Leaders Speaker Series” to stimulate thought and discussion of some of the most pressing challenges and opportunities facing California utility regulators and the private sector industries affected by state policies. Leading experts from around the world take center stage to offer their expertise and vision in areas such as communications, energy, water, transportation, the environment, green jobs, and more.

Although a quorum of Commissioners may be in attendance, no CPUC action will be taken at this event.

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

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