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**CPUC PROVIDES DOCUMENTS IN COMMITMENT TO
TRANSPARENCY**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25, 2014 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in its ongoing commitment to public access and transparency, today said that it has made available public documents that were requested under the Public Records Act by the City of San Bruno.

From May 2013 to January 2014, the City of San Bruno submitted five different Public Records Act requests to the CPUC seeking a wide variety of records. In response to all but one of the requests, CPUC staff disclosed public records, and where applicable, stated that they were continuing to search for responsive documents and would disclose them as the documents were located. On February 3, 2014, the City of San Bruno filed a complaint in San Francisco County Superior Court against the CPUC alleging violations of the California Public Records Act. Under the settlement announced today, the City will dismiss its lawsuit with prejudice and waive any claims for costs and attorneys' fees. The CPUC has produced documents that it intended to release prior to the filing of the City's complaint, but had not yet done so by the time of the complaint's filing.

"The CPUC is committed to facilitating access to records requested under the California Public Records Act and always intended to meet the broad public records requests of the City of San Bruno," said CPUC interim General Counsel Karen V. Clopton. "The delay in doing so was due to the breadth of the City's requests, the

volume of records to be located and reviewed, and the limited availability of staff resources to conduct a comprehensive search and review. Under the settlement, the CPUC has produced records that it would have made publicly available regardless of the complaint.”

In February 2013, the CPUC began to improve and streamline the process for the public to access certain safety related documents received or generated by the CPUC and said that it intended to open a Rulemaking to revise General Order 66-C, the CPUC’s regulations for public access to CPUC records, in order to increase the CPUC’s ability to provide documents to the public. As part of the settlement, before the end of the year the CPUC will place on the agenda of a Voting Meeting a proposed Rulemaking to amend General Order 66-C.

Lastly, under the settlement the CPUC will update its webpage regarding obtaining public records in order to provide easier access to the many records already available on its website. “There are many records on the CPUC’s website in our commitment to transparency and public accessibility, and we are always striving to improve navigation of the vast amount of information available. The update we will make to our public records webpage will assist members of the public in finding the records electronically available already,” said interim General Counsel Clopton.

The settlement document is available at:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/NR/rdonlyres/8F699FB7-8E20-453D-80F1-52490CD561B3/0/FullyExecutedSettlementandReleaseAgreement72414.pdf>.

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