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## CPUC HOSTS THOUGHT LEADERS EVENT ON NET NEUTRALITY FEATURING NETFLIX

SAN FRANCISCO, July 21, 2014 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today announced that its next "Thought Leaders Speaker Series" will feature a discussion on net neutrality with Netflix Vice President of Global Public Policy, Christopher Libertelli. Net neutrality is the concept that Internet service providers should treat all data on the Internet equally and not discriminate based on the content being accessed by the user. This informative discussion is free and open to the public.

WHEN: Aug. 7, 2014, 10 a.m.-Noon

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

**WHO**: Netflix Vice President of Global Public Policy, Christopher Libertelli. Additionally, CPUC President Michael R. Peevey will discuss his perspective on this increasingly important issue and whether state utility commissions have a role to play.

Moderator: Paul Clanon, CPUC Executive Director

**WHAT:** A discussion on net neutrality, including why Netflix supports net neutrality, and the possible impacts of a non-neutral Internet on current and future users, consumers, and businesses.

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 <a href="http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/thoughtleaders">www.cpuc.ca.gov/thoughtleaders</a>.

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 <u>www.cpuc.ca.gov</u>.

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