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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On **Tuesday, February 28, 2012**, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on energy governance in California. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 2040 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

The Little Hoover Commission is reviewing the state's coordination of energy-related activities. This study will include an organizational evaluation of entities that share authority over energy policy, permitting and regulation. In two prior hearings, the Commission examined previous consolidation efforts and assessed how the state's energy-related organizations are working together to achieve state goals and facilitate local efforts to improve the generation and delivery of power to consumers. The February 28, 2012, hearing will focus on strategies the state can use to reach its renewable energy goals, and ensure that energy is reliable and affordable.

At the February 28, 2012, hearing, the Commission will hear from the managing director and co-founder of the Electricity Consulting Group of FTI Consulting, a global business advisory firm. Following her testimony, a director with the Natural Resources Defense Council will discuss transmission issues and opportunities to tap renewable energy throughout the West. Next, the Commission will hear about the state's energy goals and whether California is on the right path from the mayor of Long Beach, who also is chair of the California Independent System Operator. Following his testimony, the executive director of the Independent Energy Producers Association will speak on improving transparency in energy costs. Finally, a panel will discuss the need for an assessment of the cumulative costs and benefits of multiple policy goals for reducing greenhouse gas, achieving the state's renewable portfolio goals, expanding distributed generation and creating green jobs. The panel will consist of a staff attorney for The Utility Reform Network and the acting director of the Division of Ratepayer Advocates.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments.

Immediately following the hearing, the Commission will hold a business meeting in the Legislative Counsel Conference Room in the lower level of 925 L Street in Sacramento.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's Web site, www.lhc.ca.gov. If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Stuart Drown at (916) 445-2125 or littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov by Tuesday, February 21, 2012.



State of California

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**Public Hearing on Energy Governance
Tuesday, February 28, 2012
State Capitol, Room 2040
Sacramento**

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Public Hearing: 9 a.m.

Analysis and Cost Comparison of Renewable Power in California

1. Tanya L. Bodell, Managing Director and Co-Founder, Electricity Consulting Group, FTI Consulting

Tapping the Best Energy in the West

2. Carl Zichella, Director of Western Transmission, National Resources Defense Council

Achieving Statewide Energy Goals – Are We on the Right Path?

3. Bob Foster, Mayor, City of Long Beach and Chair, California Independent System Operator

Improving Transparency in Energy Costs

4. Jan Smutny-Jones, Executive Director, Independent Energy Producers Association

Will We Achieve California's Energy Goals and What Will It Cost?

5. Matt Freedman, Staff Attorney, The Utility Reform Network (TURN)
6. Joe Como, Acting Director, Division of Ratepayer Advocates, California Public Utilities Commission

**Business Meeting
Tuesday, February 28, 2012
Legislative Counsel Conference Room
Lower Level
925 L Street
Sacramento**

(The Commission will consider agenda items I-V at approximately 1 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.)

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from January 24, 2012
- II. Draft Report – California Community College System
- III. Subcommittee Reports/Project Selection
- IV. Implementation Activity
- V. Reports from Bureau of State Audits