

Dian M. Grueneich **Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission**

Dian M. Grueneich has been a California, national and international leader in energy efficiency for three decades. Commissioner Grueneich is responsible for many of the highly successful and innovative energy efficiency policies and programs in place in California today, serving as the lead commissioner for and author of the CPUC's recent ground-breaking decisions establishing shareholder incentives for high-performing investments in energy efficiency, aggressive quantifiable energy savings goals, and strategic planning for "big and bold" efficiency programs, among others. In her role at the CPUC and at the state, national and international levels she has demonstrated what others might assume was a lifetime record of achievement in public service.

She was appointed to the CPUC by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in January 2005 and unanimously confirmed by the State Senate to a six year term. She has been designated as the lead commissioner for California's energy efficiency programs and for the transmission projects planned in California in order to access renewable energy resources and has also focused at the CPUC on climate change, renewable energy and the energy needs of low-income consumers.

Prior to her appointment to the CPUC, Commissioner Grueneich was a senior associate at a large San Francisco law firm, specializing in west coast energy issues; staff counsel at the California Energy Commission; and in 1986 founded her own law and consulting firm, known as Grueneich Resource Advocates since 1993.

At Grueneich Resource Advocates, in addition to assisting clients with strategic energy planning, rate analysis, utility negotiations, and energy efficiency opportunities, she analyzed the California's energy and environmental problems, assisted in the implementation of energy efficiency programs and authored reports on energy efficiency to the State Legislature and others.

Commissioner Grueneich is nationally recognized for her expertise in energy efficiency, energy and environmental issues and is actively involved in numerous national and international initiatives to address climate change by investing in energy efficiency, renewables and advanced coal technologies. Commissioner Grueneich serves on:

- NARUC, including its Energy Resources and the Environment Committee and its Task Force on Climate Policy, where she maintains a commitment to promote innovative efficiency regulations well beyond California;
- the California Climate Action Team, where she is working to ensure that efficiency will remain the first and cheapest strategy to mitigate CO₂ emissions;
- the Leadership Council of the China-US Energy Efficiency Alliance, in which capacity she has gone to China to advise Chinese officials on efficiency best practices;
- Governor Schwarzenegger's Green Action Team, where, to borrow the words of the Alliance to Save Energy, she is dedicated to help state facilities to "lead by example." ; and
- the National Energy Efficiency Leadership Group, co-chairing the National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency's initiative to develop national model guidelines for evaluation, measurement and verification for energy efficiency programs.

She has also served as President of the California League of Conservation Voters and on the Board of the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy.

While at the CPUC, Commissioner Grueneich has demonstrated her commitment to advance California as a national and international leader in demonstrating that energy efficiency and demand management, a sound economy, and reliable energy supplies at a reasonable and predictable cost, go hand-in-hand. The NRDC's Ralph Cavanagh has said that "Dian Grueneich has an outstanding record of achievement in her unique and varied career, of which the most recent is certainly the most impressive: the adoption of performance-based regulation for utility efficiency programs. This is without doubt one of the most important energy efficiency orders in the history of public utility regulation and will shape other regulators' decisions for decades to come."

Commissioner Grueneich earned a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center in 1977 and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Biology from Stanford University in 1974. She resides in Berkeley with her husband, Steve Passek, and their two children.

Dian Grueneich has had a lifetime of public service, much of which has been spent on the path championed by your founder, Senator Percy: promoting innovative and effective energy efficiency initiatives, building alliances of divergent parties, and leading others to do the same. She is a deserving recipient of the Alliance's highest honor, the Charles Percy Award for Public Service.

John Fielder, President of Southern California Edison, is pleased to submit this nomination.