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SACRAMENTO RESIDENTS INVITED TO APPLY FOR UTILITIES RATE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Panel to Advise Mayor, City Council on Proposed Rate Changes

City of Sacramento residents are invited to apply for a position on the Utilities Rate Advisory Commission. Established by the Sacramento City Council in 2008, this commission is a sounding board for proposed rate changes and serves as an expert advisory panel to the Mayor and City Council. Members also serve as a community liaison, providing information about utility service rates and collecting feedback.

“We understand that customer input in the rate setting process is vital to balancing service levels set by the City Council with competitive rates,” said Department of Utilities Director Marty Hanneman. “The Rate Advisory Commission provides an avenue for residents to actively participate in finding that balance.”

The seven-member commission represents ratepayers in each customer classification, including residential, multifamily, commercial and industrial. Membership includes five professional experts in key areas such as finance, law, engineering, construction and environmental services to provide insight into the complexities of structuring and setting rates. The Commission is currently recruiting for one at-large member and 3 members with expertise.

An application for the Rate Advisory Commission is available on the Department of Utilities Web site at www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities/RAC or at the Department of Utilities office at 1395 35th Avenue in Sacramento. The deadline to apply is June 11, 2010.

Applications will be reviewed and members will be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. Commissioners will be appointed to two-year terms.

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The Commission is expected to meet between four and 12 times per year. Duties will include:

- Reviewing and commenting on proposed changes to utility service rates for water, sewer, garbage, recycling, yard waste and street sweeping services.
- Developing and providing recommendations on rates to the Mayor and City Council.
- Holding public hearings on proposed rate increases or changes.
- Acting as a community liaison to help the public understand and participate in the rate setting process.

The City Council will continue to set utility service levels and ultimately decide whether to approve rates.

For more information about the Rate Advisory Commission and application process, please contact Jessica Hess, City of Sacramento Media and Communications Specialist, at jhess@cityofsacramento.org.

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