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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2447

Introduced by Assembly Member Diaz

February 19, 2004

An act to amend Section ~~302~~ 321.6 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2447, as amended, Diaz. Public Utilities Commission: *information practices.*

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities and can establish its own procedures, subject to statute and due process. The existing Public Utilities Act requires the commission to develop, publish, and annually update an annual work plan access guide which describes in clear detail the scheduled ratemaking proceedings and other decisions that may be considered by the commission during the calendar year. The act further requires the commission to develop a program to disseminate the information in the guide utilizing computer mailing lists to provide regular updates on the information to those members of the public and organizations which request that information.

This bill would additionally require the commission to post the guide on the commission's Internet Web site. The bill would require the commission to annually publish on its Internet Web site, a listing of the reports that the commission is required to file with the Legislature with information relative to the status of each report. The bill would require that reports that are required to be filed with the Legislature be made

available to the public on the commission’s Internet Web site for at least 5 years from the date for delivery of the report to the Legislature, except for one-time reports, which would be required to be made available for at least 10 years from the date for delivery of the report to the Legislature.

~~The Public Utilities Act requires each commissioner, before entering upon the duties of the office, to take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office.~~

~~This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 302 of the Public Utilities Code is~~
2 *SECTION 1. Section 321.6 of the Public Utilities Code is*
3 *amended to read:*
4 321.6. (a) The commission shall develop, publish, and
5 annually update an annual work plan access guide which describes
6 in clear detail the scheduled ratemaking proceedings and other
7 decisions that may be considered by the commission during the
8 calendar year. The guide shall include information on how
9 members of the public and ratepayers can gain access to the
10 commission’s ratemaking process and information regarding the
11 specific matters to be decided. It shall also include information on
12 the operation of the office of the public advisor and identify the
13 names and telephone numbers of those contact persons responsible
14 for specific cases and matters to be decided. The commission shall
15 *post the information on the commission’s Internet Web site and*
16 develop a program to disseminate the information in the guide
17 utilizing computer mailing lists to provide regular updates on the
18 information to those members of the public and organizations
19 which request that information. The annual work plan access guide
20 shall be transmitted to the Legislature between January 15 and
21 February 1 of each year.
22 (b) *The commission shall annually publish on its Internet Web*
23 *site a listing of the reports that the commission is required to file*
24 *with the Legislature with information relative to the status of each*
25 *report. Every report that the commission is required to file with the*



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2 *commission's Internet Web site for at least five years from the date*
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4 *reports, which shall be made available to the public on the*
5 *commission's Internet Web site for at least 10 years from the date*
6 *for delivery of the report to the Legislature.*

7 ~~amended to read:~~

8 ~~302. Each commissioner shall, before entering upon the~~
9 ~~duties of his or her office, take and subscribe the constitutional~~
10 ~~oath of office.~~

