

1 [Office of Ratepayer Advocates resolution.]

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3 **Resolution urging Governor Gray Davis to appoint a director to the state's Office of**
4 **Ratepayer Advocates .**

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6 WHEREAS, The California Public Utilities Act Section 309.5 calls for the Public Utilities
7 Commission Ratepayer Advocate to represent public utility customers in commission
8 proceedings; and

9 WHEREAS, The director of the Office of Ratepayer Advocates shall be appointed by
10 and serve at the pleasure of the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate; and,

11 WHEREAS, The goal of the of the Office of Ratepayer Advocates shall be to obtain the
12 lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels; and,

13 WHEREAS, The California Public Utilities Commission approved a temporary rate
14 increase of 7 to 15 percent to state energy consumers; and,

15 WHEREAS, Due to Pacific Gas and Electric's poor credit rating, California has set
16 aside \$400 million to buy power on a temporary basis; and,

17 WHEREAS, There is currently a proposal to issue revenue bonds to bailout Pacific
18 Gas and Electric's debt; and,

19 WHEREAS, Stage 3 alerts, which happen when energy reserves fall below 1.5 percent
20 of available capacity, have put California energy consumers under continual threat of rolling
21 blackouts; and,

22 WHEREAS, On January 27, The state endured its 11th consecutive day under a Stage
23 3 electrical emergency; and,

24 WHEREAS, The Governor, Gray Davis, has not appointed a director to the state's
25 Office of Ratepayer Advocates; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Governor Gray Davis
2 to appoint a director to the state's Office of Ratepayer Advocates.
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February 5, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Leno, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 5, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

FEB 16 2001

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.