

## **MICHEL PETER (“MIKE”) FLORIO**

Michel Peter “Mike” Florio was appointed to the California Public Utilities Commission on January 27, 2011 by Governor Jerry Brown. Prior to this appointment, he served for over 30 years as the Senior Attorney for The Utility Reform Network (TURN), the leading utility consumer advocate group in California. In this position he was responsible for coordinating the development of TURN's policy positions on energy-related issues and advocating those positions before various governmental agencies. He has testified as an expert witness on a wide variety of issues including ratemaking policy, utility revenue requirements, natural gas procurement policy, cost allocation and rate design.

Commissioner Florio also served on the stakeholder governing boards of both the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) and the California Power Exchange as a residential end-user representative from their creation in May of 1997 until January of 2001. In January of 2001 he was appointed by Governor Gray Davis to serve on the CAISO's new five-member independent governing board, and was reappointed in January of 2002 and confirmed by the State Senate for a full three-year term, which expired in early 2005.

Commissioner Florio received a B.A. in political science and sociology from Bowling Green State University (Ohio) in 1974. From 1974 through 1978 he participated in a joint degree program sponsored by New York University School of Law and the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. In 1978 he received a J.D. from New York University and a Masters of Public Affairs (M.P.A.) from Princeton. He was admitted to the California State Bar that same year.