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RICHARD A. (DICK) BILAS, PH.D.
(RETIRED)

Dr. Richard A. Bilas is a former Commissioner with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). He was appointed to the CPUC on January 1, 1997 by Governor Pete Wilson. He served as President of the CPUC from February 1, 1998 through March 2000 and served on the Commission until March 2002. For the past several years Dr. Bilas has served as an industry consultant on water, energy and telecommunications matters. He currently serves as a member of the Technical Advisory Board of Eco Friendly Energy, a California based company. Dr. Bilas is a Visiting Professor at the Citadel where he was named M.B.A. Professor of the Year for 2008 and an Adjunct Professor at the College of Charleston where he was named an Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member for 2008. Dr. Bilas also serves on the Vestry of the Cathedral Church (Episcopal) of St. Luke and St. Paul and is a member of the Diocese of South Carolina's Society for the Advancement of Christianity.

From September 1995 through December 1997 Dr. Bilas held the John A. and Donnie Brock Chair in Energy Economics and Policy and was Director of the Institute for Energy Economics and Policy at the Sarkeys Energy Center at the University of Oklahoma. He also served as a Commissioner with the California Energy Commission, having been appointed by Governor George Deukmejian in 1987 and reappointed in 1992 by Governor Pete Wilson.

He is a member of the editorial board of the Western Economic Association International's "Contemporary Policy Issues". From 1995 through 2005 Dr. Bilas was on the Advisory Board of "Energy and Environmental Management" magazine. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Regulatory Research Institute and, from 1998 through June 2001, was a member of the Board of Directors of the Western Economic Association International. From February 2000 through March 2002 Dr. Bilas was a member of the

Advisory Board of Coactive Networks (Sausalito, California) and was President of the Board of Directors of the Mendocino (California) Art Center from 2000 until September 2005. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Mendocino County Community Foundation where he served on the Executive Committee as Board Treasurer from 2002 until August 2005.

Dr. Bilas is the author of three books: *Microeconomic Theory* – McGraw Hill, 1967 and 1971 (translated into five foreign languages); *Problems in Microeconomics* -- McGraw Hill, 1971 (also translated into Portuguese); and *The Essentials of Macroeconomic Theory* -- Business Publications, Inc., 1974 (also translated into Japanese). In addition, he has had numerous articles published in academic and trade journals.

He is a former Fulbright scholar to the Philippines (1966-67), a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a member of the distinguished Mont Pelerin Society whose members include Nobel Laureates F. A. Von Hayek (deceased), George Stigler (deceased), Milton Friedman (deceased), James M. Buchanan, Ronald Coase, Gary Becker and Vernon Smith.

Dr. Bilas is a former talk show host, television commentator and newspaper columnist in Bakersfield, California. He received two Valley Forge Honor Certificates (1977 and 1979) for newspaper columns entitled, "Life Without Government Regulations" and "Defining Proper Role of Government". He has also received a United Press International Citation for Best Radio Editorial Commentary (1979) entitled, "On Involuntary Servitude".

In addition to being on the faculty of the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Bilas has been a faculty member at the University of Southern California, The Economics Institute at the University of Colorado, Georgia State University and California State University, Bakersfield where he held the E. C. Reid Professorship in Economics. In November 1996, while on the faculty of the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Bilas lectured at the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow. At Commencement Exercises at California State University, Bakersfield in June 2002 he was named Professor Emeritus of Economics.

He has an A.B. in Mathematics from Duke University (1956) and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Virginia (1963) and is listed in the 58th edition (2004), the 59th edition (2005), the 60th edition (2006), the 61st edition (2007) and the 62nd edition (2008) of "Who's Who in America".

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