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Vernon City Council members appoint Kelly Nguyen to serve as city's director of Vernon Gas & Electric

Vernon, CA – Members of the Vernon City Council have appointed Kelly Nguyen to serve as director of the city's Vernon Gas & Electric Department. Ms. Nguyen was administered her oath of office by Vernon City Clerk Maria Ayala during yesterday's (August 2) City Council meeting at Vernon City Hall.

Ms. Nguyen will assume her new duties and responsibilities as head of the city's municipal-owned utility on August 15. Ms. Nguyen presently serves as director of Energy Systems at the Glendora, CA-based Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA). She brings 17-years of industry executive experience to her job in Vernon.

Ms. Nguyen formerly worked for the City of Anaheim Public Utilities (APU) agency as a senior integrated resource planner and power resource scheduler. She previously held positions as an energy scheduler for California Energy Resource Scheduling (CERS) and senior supervisor and market specialist for the California Power Exchange (CalPX).

Ms. Nguyen earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at California State University Los Angeles. She received specialized training in energy system procedures, protocols and utility compliance policies through the Western Electric Coordinating Council (WECC), North American Energy Reliability Corporation (NERC), and training in market operations and Cap & Trade through the California Independent System Operator (CAISO).

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Vernon was founded in 1905 to create jobs in California. Vernon's 1,800 businesses create more than 105,000 jobs in the Los Angeles area – including 55,000 jobs within the city's 5.2-mile boundary. The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation designated Vernon as California's 'Most Business Friendly City.' Vernon generates more than \$330 million in state income and sales taxes, \$1.1 billion in taxable spending. Vernon's businesses provide more than 4.4 billion in salaries and wages annually for workers in Los Angeles County. For more information, go to www.cityofvernon.org.