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**CPUC PROMOTES DEMAND RESPONSE PROGRAMS TO HELP
CONSUMERS MANAGE ENERGY USE AND MEET DEMAND**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9, 2016 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today took additional steps to enable consumers to better manage their energy use and to address the natural gas leak at the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility through demand response programs and activities.

The CPUC approved proposals for 2017 demand response programs and activities of \$59.9 million for Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), \$23.8 million for San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), and \$56.28 million for Southern California Edison. The CPUC also adopted a separate \$11.8 million proposal from Edison to address the natural gas leak at Southern California Gas Company's Aliso Canyon Storage Facility.

Demand response is a way for customers to help California manage its electricity demand. Demand response programs and tools allow customers to change their electricity usage (typically reducing use or shifting use to other times in the day) at certain times in response to economic incentives, price signals, or other conditions.

On March 23, 2016, the CPUC issued a Ruling directing demand response activities to help mitigate a natural gas leak at Aliso Canyon. The Ruling directed Edison to file proposals to intensify demand response efforts in the geographic areas most affected by the leak and to mitigate the impact of reliability issues arising from the leak. The demand response efforts approved today include increasing outreach about Edison's summer discount plan and a peak time rebate program.

Said Commissioner Mike Florio, who is assigned to the proceeding, "Our decision today creates the

opportunity for many customers in Los Angeles County to meaningfully contribute to the emergency conditions created by the Aliso Canyon leak. Southern California Edison is standing by right now to engage customers in a variety of solutions that will save them money, reduce emissions, and ease the power pinch L.A. will feel this summer. I implore Edison customers living in L.A. County to take advantage of these options. Call Edison right now at 1-800-497-2813. Tell them you want to save money and be a part of the solution by signing up for a demand response program that works for you.”

The proposal voted on is available at:

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M163/K130/163130599.PDF>.

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