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## **CPUC TAKES ANOTHER STEP TOWARD RENEWABLE ENERGY GOAL WITH APPROVAL OF EDISON CONTRACTS**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10, 2008 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today approved two renewable energy contracts for Southern California Edison, continuing the state's commitment to renewable power.

The table below provides a brief description of the projects:

| <b>Generating Facility</b> | <b>Type</b>                   | <b>Term Years</b> | <b>MW Capacity</b> | <b>GWh Energy</b> | <b>Online Date</b> | <b>Location</b>           |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Granite Wind               | Wind, new                     | 20                | 42-81              | 96-185            | 12/31/2009         | San Bernardino County, CA |
| FSE Blythe                 | Solar photovoltaics (PV), new | 20                | 7.5-21             | 17.7-49.7         | 10/2009            | Blythe, CA                |

The Granite Wind project is being co-developed by Renewable Energy Systems (RES) Americas Development, RENEWergy LLC, and G.H. Energy Limited. It will be a new 42 megawatt wind facility with the potential to expand to 81 megawatts.

The FSE Blythe project that First Solar Inc. is developing will be a new 7.5 megawatt solar photovoltaic facility with the potential to expand to 21 megawatts. This is the first utility-scale solar project in California that uses thin film photovoltaic technology.



The CPUC determined that both project prices are at or below the CPUC's market pricing benchmark, and are reasonable.

The CPUC's Renewables Portfolio Standard program, one of the most ambitious renewable energy standards in the country, requires Investor Owned Utilities, Energy Service Providers, and Community Choice Aggregators operating in California to obtain 20 percent of their retail sales from renewable energy sources by 2010.

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