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### **CPUC APPROVES DEMAND RESPONSE PROGRAMS FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13, 2008 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today approved four contracts for Southern California Edison, which will allow Edison to add up to 190 megawatts of new demand response capability to help reduce electricity demand during peak demand days.

The CPUC approved four of eight contracts submitted for approval by Edison. Two contracts are with Ancillary Services Coalition, one is with the North American Power Partners, and the fourth is with EnergyConnect.

“I want to reinforce that nothing in our decision today is intended to signal that we do not want third party aggregators in California,” commented CPUC President Michael R. Peevey. “We continue to believe that third party aggregators present a very useful tool in our regulatory chest to provide innovative ways to increase customer participation in demand response programs.”

“This decision represents a careful balance of our strong encouragement for more demand response programs by the utilities and ensuring that the contracts are cost effective to protect our ratepayers’ interest,” said CPUC Commissioner Rachelle Chong. “While I would have preferred to have granted more of the proposed contracts, some did not prove to be cost effective.”



In December 2006, the CPUC directed Edison to pursue Requests for Proposals and bilateral arrangements for additional demand response resources and file an application with the CPUC requesting approval for specific contracts by February 28, 2007. The CPUC adopted a number of demand response programs for Edison and Pacific Gas and Electric Company following a heat storm in July 2006 and in anticipation of increased reliance on demand response in 2007 and beyond.

The CPUC currently is working to refine its methodologies to determine the cost-effectiveness of demand response programs. Edison is required to file an application for 2009 through 2011 demand response programs on June 1, 2008.

The proposal approved by the CPUC is at

[http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/AGENDA\\_DECISION/80064.htm](http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/AGENDA_DECISION/80064.htm).

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