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**CPUC TAKES ANOTHER STEP TOWARD STATE'S RENEWABLE  
ENERGY GOAL WITH APPROVAL OF EDISON AND PG&E CONTRACTS**

SAN FRANCISCO, September 2, 2010 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today approved renewable energy contracts for Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), furthering the state's progress towards its renewable energy goals.

Edison received approval of two 20-year power purchase agreements with First Solar, Inc. for generation from the Desert Sunlight and Desert Stateline projects. Both contracts resulted from Edison's 2008 Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) solicitation. The contracts concern a 250 and 300 megawatt (MW) facility that will utilize solar photovoltaic technology. The costs to ratepayers will not exceed the market price referent, the benchmark established to approximate new fossil-fuel generation costs during the same time period. The facilities will be located in Desert Center and San Bernardino, Calif., and energy deliveries are anticipated to begin in 2015. The Desert Sunlight project is actively seeking American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funding and is listed as a "fast-track" project for permitting by the Bureau of Land Management.

The CPUC also approved PG&E's 20-year power purchase agreement with Alpine Suntower, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of NRG Energy. The contract resulted from PG&E's 2007 RPS solicitation. The 66 MW solar photovoltaic facility is being developed in Riverside County, Calif., and energy deliveries are expected to begin in 2013.

The CPUC's RPS program 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. On November 17, 2008, Governor Schwarzenegger signed an Executive Order (S-14-08), which established a 33 percent by 2020 RPS goal.

For the latest information about the utilities' progress towards the state's RPS goal access the CPUC's Quarterly Report to the Legislature: [www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Renewables/index.htm](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Renewables/index.htm).

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