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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**CPUC APPROVES UTILITY RENEWABLE ENERGY PLANS**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14, 2011 – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today approved the renewable energy plans of the state’s investor-owned utilities, ensuring that the state is on a path to meet its clean energy goals.

California’s Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) is the most ambitious in the country, requiring investor-owned utilities, electric service providers, and community choice aggregators to procure 20 percent of their power from renewable sources by 2010. Senate Bill 2 (First Extraordinary Session), signed into law this week, extends the 20 percent renewable energy goal by 2010 to a 33 percent goal by December 31, 2020.

To fulfill this requirement, Southern California Edison (SCE), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) must each prepare a RPS procurement plan and update that plan when directed by the CPUC. The CPUC reviews and accepts, modifies, or rejects each plan before renewable energy procurement begins.

In today’s decision the CPUC steps taken include:

1. Economic Curtailment: Direct that each utility include provisions for buyer-directed economic curtailment in their Final 2011 Plan.
2. Tradable Renewable Energy Credits: Require that each utility include its intended use of tradable renewable energy credits in their Final 2011 Plan.
3. Other Updates: Direct that each utility include use of recently adopted procurement tools in its Final 2011 Plan.
4. Modify Non-Disclosure Agreements: Require that each utility modify its non-disclosure agreement or confidentiality provisions to permit discussion by not only utilities but also bidders/sellers of the bidding and negotiating process with the CPUC and certain others.
5. Schedule: Adopt a schedule for the 2011 solicitation, and a process for initiating the next solicitation.

SCE, PG&E, and SDG&E will each file and serve a Final 2011 Plan within 14 days. Each utility will proceed to use its Final Plan for its RPS program and current solicitation.

Utilities ultimately remain responsible for program implementation, administration, and success, within application of flexible compliance criteria. The CPUC will later judge the extent of that success, including the degree to which each utility implements CPUC orders, elects to take CPUC guidance, demonstrates creativity and vigor in program administration and execution, and reaches program targets, goals and requirements.

The proposal voted on today is available at

[http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/AGENDA\\_DECISION/133475.htm](http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/AGENDA_DECISION/133475.htm).

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