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CPUC APPROVES SELF-GENERATION PROGRAM BUDGET

SAN FRANCISCO, December 15, 2011 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today funded the Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) for 2012, 2013, and 2014 in order to provide rebates to businesses and individuals who install on their side of the meter resources that allow them to provide electricity for a portion or all of their electric load.

The SGIP provides rebates for qualifying technologies such as wind turbines, waste heat to power, pressure reduction turbines, internal combustion engines, microturbines, gas turbines, fuel cells, and advanced energy storage systems. The program is available to customers of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison, San Diego Gas and Electric Company, and Southern California Gas Company.

The CPUC approved an annual budget of \$83 million for 2012, 2013, and 2014. The CPUC's Energy Division will complete a review of SGIP participation, spending patterns, and carryover funding by mid-2013.

SGIP incentives range from \$0.50 per watt to \$2.25 per watt based on technology type. Half of the available incentive will be paid up front and the remainder of the incentive will be paid over five years based on system performance.

Said CPUC President Michael R. Peevey, "This program provides financial incentives for ultraclean, efficient on-site generation and storage technologies that contribute to California's greenhouse gas reduction goals."

Added Commissioner Timothy Alan Simon, “This decision supports the expansion of California’s distributed generation resources program. These behind the meter on-site resources are a small slice of California’s energy landscape but are nonetheless important to reduce the stress on the state’s electricity grid.”

Last month, the SGIP began accepting applications for incentives after it was put on hold in January 2011.

Information on the SGIP is available at www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/DistGen/sgip/.

The proposal voted on today is available at
http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/WORD_PDF/AGENDA_DECISION/155320.pdf.

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