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PUC TO HOLD TOWN HALL MEETINGS TO GAIN PUBLIC INPUT INTO EDISON'S STEAM GENERATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27, 2005 - The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will hold two Town Hall meetings on May 17th to discuss Southern California Edison's request to replace its San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Units 2 and 3 (SONGS 2 & 3) steam generators:

Tues., May 17, 2005: 1 p.m.

Civic Center Library Community Rooms
330 North Coast Highway
Oceanside

Tues., May 17, 2005: 7 p.m.

San Clemente Inn
2600 Avenida del Presidente
San Clemente

Commissioner Geoffrey F. Brown is holding these Town Hall meetings to provide the public an opportunity to comment on Edison's request. Comments from the public can help the Commission reach an informed decision and members of the public are encouraged to attend the Town Hall.

If special arrangements are needed, such as sign and foreign language interpreters, please contact the PUC Public Advisor's Office at 415-703-2074 or toll free 1-866-849-8390 or TTY 415-703-5282 or 1-866-836-7825, or by e-mail at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov at least three days prior to the event.

For those who are unable to attend in person, written comments may be submitted to the following address:

California Public Utilities Commission
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505 Van Ness Ave., Room 5214
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Or, comments may be sent via e-mail to DMG@cpuc.ca.gov. Please refer to proceeding number A.04-02-026.

Background

Edison has filed an application with the PUC to replace SONGS 2 & 3 steam generators, establish ratemaking for cost recovery, and address other related steam generator replacement issues. The project would enable SONGS 2 & 3 to remain in service until the end of the current terms of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) licenses. The current licenses both authorize SONGS 2 & 3 to operate until 2022. However, the existing steam generators have exhibited degradation and they are currently predicted to reach the end of their operating life within the next several years. The original steam generators will eventually reach a state where, under applicable NRC regulations, either the steam generators must be replaced or the units must be shut down.

SONGS 2 & 3 went into operation in 1983 and 1984, respectively. SONGS 2 & 3 use four steam generators, two per unit, which are large heat exchangers that convert heat from the reactor into steam to drive the turbine generators and produce electricity. All four would be replaced as part of the proposed project. SONGS 2 & 3 produce a combined nominal 2,150 net megawatts of electric power, enough to power approximately 2.1 million homes. The SONGS facility is located in northwest San Diego County and surrounded by Camp Pendleton, San Onofre State Beach, and Interstate 5.

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