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### **PUC APPROVES PRE-DEPLOYMENT FUNDING FOR EDISON'S ADVANCED METERING PROJECT**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26, 2007 - The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today approved pre-deployment funding of \$45.22 million for Southern California Edison Company's Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project.

Advanced metering programs and projects provide financial savings for customers by allowing utilities to read customer energy data remotely and reducing operational costs. Customers gain access to detailed usage information online, allowing them to better manage energy consumption and control their energy bills.

"Our final goal is to transform California's investor-owned utility distribution network into an intelligent, integrated system enabled by modern information and technologies," said Commissioner Dian M. Grueneich. "Approving this funding today will facilitate the careful planning and preparation by Southern California Edison Company for the final advanced metering project proposal."

The approved amount will cover Edison's expenditures for its pre-deployment activities in the categories of AMI product management, information technology, business process and organizational readiness, field deployment, customer tariffs and programs, systems integration, and program management and organization. The funding of these activities will further the development of the details of Edison's final AMI proposal, provide information to develop or refine the associated cost-benefit analysis, and assist parties and the PUC in analyzing Edison's final AMI deployment business case.

Advancing demand response is critical to meeting California's energy needs in a cost-effective, environmentally-sound manner. The PUC's efforts on demand response programs such as AMI will moderate peak demand growth and allow the state to reduce infrastructure investments that would otherwise have to be made.

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