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### **PUC APPROVES EDISON TRANSMISSION STUDY TO HELP STATE MEET RENEWABLE AND GREENHOUSE GAS GOALS**

SAN FRANCISCO, August 23, 2007 - The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today approved a Renewable Transmission Feasibility Study for Southern California Edison to access new renewable resources located in Western Nevada, Inyo and Eastern San Bernardino Counties, the Salton Sea Area in California, and Western Arizona.

Edison's request to perform the study last year eventually led to the formation of the California Renewable Transmission Energy Initiative (CRETI). CRETI is a statewide effort organized by the PUC, the California Energy Commission, the California Independent System Operator and representatives from municipally owned utilities to study renewable-rich resource areas in California, and then to develop transmission plans to reach the most promising of those areas. The Edison study approved by the PUC today will facilitate CRETI's statewide effort to proactively plan for the transmission of renewable power resources needed to meet the state's policy goal of 33 percent renewables by 2020.

"Edison is showing tremendous leadership in undertaking this study to find transmission solutions for accessing renewable power, which is typically located far from the grid and often requires extensive and costly transmission upgrades," said PUC Commissioner Dian M. Grueneich. "California has the most ambitious renewable goals in the country and to meet those goals we need to take a comprehensive look at transmission issues that would prevent getting renewable power to consumers. Thanks to Edison's leadership, we were inspired to reach out and form CRETI, which ensures a coordinated statewide approach to meeting these goals."

As part of the approved study, Edison will participate in Phase 1 of the CRETI effort, which will involve a robust cost-effectiveness analysis that prioritizes California's renewable resource

areas. Edison will conduct its Phase 2 work within the framework of the CRETI and will focus their transmission studies on those priority areas identified in CRETI Phase 1.

“This is a vital step in meeting our groundbreaking greenhouse gas and renewable goals and may lead to cost-effective transmission and renewable resource development,” said Commissioner Grueneich.

The PUC approved up to \$4.5 million for the study, which will be recorded in a memorandum account.

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