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## **CPUC TAKES ANOTHER STEP TOWARD RENEWABLE ENERGY GOALS WITH APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31, 2008 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today approved renewable energy contracts for Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison, and San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E), continuing the state's commitment to renewable power.

The table below provides a brief description of the projects:

<b>Generating Facility</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Term Years</b>	<b>Capacity (MW)</b>	<b>Annual Energy (GWh)</b>	<b>Expected Online Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
ORNI 21 (Ormat)	Geothermal, new	20	30-100	250-832	June 2012	Wister, CA
Wadham	Biomass, existing	10	26	141	Online	Colusa County, CA
Truckhaven (Esmeralda)	Geothermal, new	20	40	319	December 2010	Imperial County, California

Through Edison's agreement with ORNI 21, which is being developed by Ormat technologies of Israel, Edison will accept deliveries from the new 30-megawatt (MW) geothermal facility with the potential to expand to 100 MW.

PG&E, through its agreement with Wadham, will retain reliable renewable generation and capacity in its portfolio.



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Through SDG&E's agreement with Esmeralda, it will accept deliveries from the new 40 MW geothermal facility.

The CPUC determined that the energy prices for all contracts are at or below the CPUC's market pricing benchmark and are reasonable.

The CPUC's Renewables Portfolio Standard program, one of the most ambitious renewable energy standards in the country, requires Investor Owned Utilities, Energy Service Providers, and Community Choice Aggregators operating in California to obtain 20 percent of their retail sales from renewable energy sources by 2010.

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