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**CPUC PRESSES FORWARD WITH CASE AGAINST
SHELL ENERGY AND IBERDROLA RENEWABLES
FOR OVER-PRICED ENERGY CRISIS CONTRACTS**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19, 2015 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today continued its fight to return to consumers more than \$3 billion in overcharges made under energy contracts signed during the energy crisis with Shell Energy and Iberdrola Renewables.

The CPUC, along with the California Attorney General, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), and Southern California Edison (collectively known as the “California Parties”) today filed opening testimony with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as part of its case against Shell Energy North America (formerly Coral Power, LLC) and Iberdrola Renewables, LLC (formerly PacifiCorp Power Marketing, Inc.) for overcharges, with interest, of more than \$3 billion for power purchased under two long-term power contracts signed in May and July 2001. The contracts were executed by the California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) as it struggled to keep the lights on in California during a period of unprecedented high energy prices, blackouts, and widespread market manipulation by Enron and other energy sellers, including Shell.

CPUC Commissioner Mike Florio, a key witness for the California Parties, explains the dire situation that California faced during this period, “The 2000-2001 energy crisis was unprecedented in the history of the U.S. electric industry in terms of its severity, duration, and consumer impacts. I am pleased that FERC has set this matter for an evidentiary hearing, and that we now finally have the opportunity to present our case for refunds on behalf of California’s electricity consumers.”

The CPUC and the California Electricity Oversight Board (now represented by the California Attorney General) initiated the litigation in 2002 by filing complaints at FERC for refunds for overcharges for 32 long-term contracts with 22 different sellers. Shell and Iberdrola are the only two sellers left in the case that have not settled or re-negotiated the terms of their contracts with CDWR, which expired in 2011 and 2012.

Today's filing, which includes testimony submitted by witnesses from the CPUC, CDWR, PG&E, Edison, and expert economists is available by viewing the docket page for the proceeding, EL02-60, online at <http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercadvsearch.asp>.

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