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SAN FRANCISCO, July 29, 2010 – The Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA), an independent consumer advocacy division of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), today applauds the CPUC’s decision to disallow \$615,000 from Southern California Edison’s request for fuel costs.

The CPUC voted unanimously today to adopt a Decision denying SCE’s request as a part of the utility’s 2009 Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) application. Regulated utilities use these applications to seek reimbursement for unexpected fuel-related costs.

Based on DRA’s analysis, the CPUC determined that a September 27, 2008, Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Unit 3 outage called for by SCE was not reasonable and that ratepayers should not pay for the associated replacement power cost.

DRA was also successful in arguing for a postponement of SCE recovery of costs associated

with the Department of Energy Litigation Memorandum Account (DOELMA). The Commission agreed with DRA and denied SCE's request for approval to collect these monies until there is a final amount for the costs and proceeds for this account.

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