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SAN FRANCISCO, February 13, 2013 – The Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA), the independent consumer advocate within the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), commends the CPUC for today’s decision requiring Southern California Edison Company (Edison) to acquire energy resources for the Los Angeles Basin that integrate cleaner energy resources such as energy efficiency and demand response.

Today’s decision authorizes Edison to procure preferred resources to meet its local needs in the transmission-constrained L.A. Basin, in large part due to replacing Once Through Cooling power plants that will be phased-out by 2017. The decision orders Edison to meet the authorized capacity targets by utilizing preferred resources that are consistent with the state’s Energy Action Plan, requiring cost-effective Energy Storage, and limiting the amount of gas-fired resources.

DRA supports the CPUC’s intention to integrate preferred resources into its ten-year ahead planning process, and not to rely solely on conventional, gas-fired generation to fill any

projected need. The Commission also acknowledged today that it would consider any additional energy needs due to the outage at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) in a separate evidentiary phase of this proceeding.

“DRA appreciates that the CPUC is using its Long-Term Procurement Planning process to holistically incorporate all of the state’s energy mandates,” said Joe Como, DRA’s acting director. “Integrated resource planning is the best way to meet both California’s aggressive climate change goals and achieve energy reliability in the most cost-effective manner.”

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