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CPUC PRESIDENT COMMENTS ON CLOSURE OF SONGS

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7, 2013 - The California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) President, Michael R. Peevey, today issued the following statement regarding Southern California Edison's (SCE) announcement that it will close the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station:

"SONGS has been a vital part of the Southern California electric supply system since 1968 when Unit 1 began operation, followed by Units 2 and 3 in 1983-1984. Unit 1 was retired in 1992 and now SCE has announced the retirement of Units 2 and 3. The company's decision, given the uncertainty it faces with the inaction of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the large economic impact of the non-operation of the two units, is understandable. The challenge now facing Southern California's electric system and economy is what comes next. As the economic regulator of the plant, the CPUC will:

1. Work with critical state and regional government entities, particularly the California Independent System Operator, to ensure Southern California has adequate supply of electricity this summer and into the future. This will require even greater emphasis on energy efficiency and demand response programs, as well as transmission upgrades and enhancements and some new generation resources.
2. Decide, as quickly as possible, who should bear the costs of the lengthy outage of Units 2 and 3. The CPUC acted quickly last year to open an investigation into the outage, protecting ratepayers from unreasonable costs. We urge the various parties in the CPUC's proceeding – ratepayer representatives, environmental advocates, the utility itself, and others – to meet and discuss a joint proposal for permanent shutdown. Such a settlement would then be brought to the CPUC for ultimate disposition, and potentially avoid a protracted litigation that could delay refunds to ratepayers and extend uncertainty for electric system planners."

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