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CALIFORNIA ISO TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING HOSTED BY SDG&E Future Electricity Reliability Issues to be Discussed

(Folsom, CA) The new controller of California's open market transmission power grid will be coming to San Diego to introduce itself and share information about future power needs for the area. San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), a subsidiary of Sempra Energy, will sponsor the public forum with the California Independent System Operator (California ISO). Open to the general public, the meeting will be held tomorrow, Thursday, September 9, 1999, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Sempra Energy Headquarters, 101 Ash Street, San Diego. California ISO Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Terry Winter will discuss studies underway by the California ISO that assess transmission and generation needs of the state that include looking at future reliability needs in the San Diego area. These studies are part of the California ISO's continuous effort to examine electricity needs throughout its control area, which serves over 27 million Californians.

The California ISO and SDG&E representatives will outline how they plan to work together to meet electricity reliability needs brought on by economic growth in the San Diego area. Members of local and state government, consumer groups, as well as business and industry leaders are expected to attend the public meeting.

DATE: Thursday, September 9, 1999
TIME: 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Sempra Energy Headquarters
101 Ash Street
San Diego, CA

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The California ISO is chartered by the state to manage the flow of electricity along the long-distance, high-voltage power lines that make up the bulk of California's transmission system. The not-for-profit public-benefit corporation assumed the responsibility in March 1998 when California opened its energy markets to competition and mandated that investor-owned utilities turn their private transmission power lines over to the California ISO's open-market power grid. The mission of the California ISO is to safeguard the reliable delivery of electricity and ensure equal access to the state's "electron highway", which spans 124,000 miles or three-quarters of the state. The Cal-ISO maintains the second largest control area in the U.S. and the fifth largest in the world.

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