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SCE Commends Congress for Advancing Off-Site Storage of Used Nuclear Fuel

ROSEMead, Calif., June 28, 2017 — Southern California Edison President Ron Nichols, in concert with two other California utilities, today provided this statement lauding House committee passage of legislation that supports the proposed Yucca Mountain used nuclear fuel repository and interim storage solutions:

As the owners of operating and decommissioned commercial nuclear power plants in California, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), and Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) commend efforts in Congress to advance off-site storage for spent nuclear fuel at permanent and interim storage facilities. We are encouraged to see the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act progress out of the House Energy and Commerce Committee today and look forward to the Senate re-introduction of the Nuclear Waste Administration Act, co-authored by Sen. Feinstein.

We strongly believe that multiple efforts to move spent nuclear fuel, including interim storage and a long-term repository under consideration at Yucca Mountain, should proceed expeditiously and independently. We commend Congresswoman Matsui for her amendment to authorize a pilot interim storage facility for acceptance of priority spent nuclear fuel from permanently decommissioned reactors and Sen. Feinstein for her leadership and history advancing this effort in the Senate.

Currently, PG&E, SCE and SMUD store spent nuclear fuel onsite at our respective facilities. While the storage methods we use are safe and secure, our customers should not have to bear this cost burden. The federal government made a commitment to accept and store spent fuel and it is important to our customers, and our host communities that the government fulfills this commitment. We look forward to working with the House and Senate to advance these efforts this Congress.

SCE retired the San Onofre nuclear plant in 2013 and has begun decommissioning the facility. For more information about San Onofre, visit songscommunity.com.

About Southern California Edison

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