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Sempra Energy Reports Second-Quarter 2012 Financial Results

- **SDG&E Energizes Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Line**
- **Company Records \$179 Million Non-cash, After-tax Charge on Rockies Express Pipeline Investment**
- **2012 Earnings-per-share Guidance Range of \$4 to \$4.30 Reaffirmed, Excluding Rockies Express Pipeline Charge**

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 2, 2012 - [Sempra Energy](#) (NYSE: SRE) today reported second-quarter 2012 earnings of \$62 million, or \$0.25 per diluted share, compared with earnings of \$503 million, or \$2.09 per diluted share, in the second quarter 2011.

Second-quarter 2012 earnings included a \$179 million non-cash charge related to a write-down on the company's investment in the Rockies Express Pipeline. Last year's second-quarter earnings included a gain of \$277 million, reflecting the write-up in the value of the company's original investments in Chile and Peru as a result of the acquisition of a controlling interest in those utilities.

Excluding these unusual items in both years, adjusted second-quarter earnings increased to \$241 million, or \$0.98 per diluted share, in 2012 from \$226 million, or \$0.94 per diluted share, in 2011.

Sempra Energy's earnings through the first six months of 2012 were \$298 million, or \$1.21 per diluted share, compared with \$757 million, or \$3.14 per diluted share, in the first six months of 2011. Excluding the Rockies Express Pipeline charge, adjusted earnings for the first six months were \$477 million, or \$1.94 per diluted share, compared with adjusted earnings of \$480 million, or \$1.99 per diluted share, in the same period last year.

"We are pleased with our operating results during the quarter and, after adjusting for the impairment charge, remain on course to meet our 2012 earnings guidance," said Debra L. Reed, chief executive officer of Sempra Energy. "Our utilities continue to make progress with their major infrastructure projects. In June, SDG&E energized its Sunrise Powerlink transmission line. The 117-mile line will help meet summer power demand and improve reliability of the regional electric grid. The line also will serve as a critical link to developing renewable energy projects in California's Imperial Valley and provide significant economic benefits for the region."

As announced previously, on Jan. 1, Sempra Energy consolidated Sempra Generation, Sempra Pipelines & Storage and Sempra LNG into two new operating units: Sempra International and Sempra U.S. Gas & Power. Sempra International is comprised of two new reporting segments: Sempra South American Utilities and Sempra Mexico. Sempra U.S. Gas & Power also is comprised of two new reporting segments: Sempra Renewables and Sempra Natural Gas. Beginning in the first quarter 2012, in addition to San Diego Gas & Electric and Southern California Gas Co., Sempra Energy began reporting financial results under each of the above segments.

CALIFORNIA UTILITIES

San Diego Gas & Electric

In the second quarter 2012, earnings for [San Diego Gas & Electric](#) (SDG&E) increased to \$95 million from \$71 million in last year's second quarter, due primarily to higher earnings related to the Sunrise Powerlink transmission line project.

For the first six months of 2012, SDG&E earned \$200 million, up from \$160 million in the first six months of 2011.

In addition to energizing the Sunrise Powerlink, SDG&E received approval in June from the California Public Utilities Commission to proceed with construction of the new East County electric substation project. The \$435 million project will help bolster electric reliability and support transmission of renewable energy along the Sunrise Powerlink. The project, which involves development of a new substation and modernization of a nearby older substation, is expected to be completed in 2014.

Southern California Gas Co.

Second-quarter earnings for [Southern California Gas Co.](#) (SoCalGas) were \$53 million in 2012, compared with \$59 million in 2011.

SoCalGas' earnings in the first half of 2012 were \$119 million, compared with \$127 million during the same period last year.

SEMPRA INTERNATIONAL

Sempra South American Utilities

In the second quarter 2012, Sempra South American Utilities had earnings of \$38 million, compared with \$314 million in the second quarter 2011.

For the first six months of 2012, earnings for Sempra South American Utilities were \$78 million, compared with \$336 million in the first six months of 2011.

Six-month and quarterly earnings in 2011 were higher due to the \$277 million second-quarter gain from the write-up in value of the company's South American utility investments.

Sempra Mexico

Sempra Mexico recorded second-quarter earnings of \$43 million in 2012, up from \$35 million last year.

For the first six months of 2012, Sempra Mexico had earnings of \$80 million, compared with \$74 million during the first six months of 2011.

SEMPRA U.S. GAS & POWER

Sempra Renewables

Second-quarter earnings for Sempra Renewables rose to \$24 million in 2012 from \$4 million last year, due primarily to an increase in solar and wind assets.

During the first six months of 2012, earnings for Sempra Renewables were \$34 million, up from \$8 million in the same period of 2011.

Sempra Natural Gas

Sempra Natural Gas posted a second-quarter loss of \$193 million in 2012, which included the \$179 million charge related to the Rockies Express Pipeline. Excluding this charge, Sempra Natural Gas recorded a \$14 million loss in the second quarter 2012, compared with earnings of \$47 million in last year's second quarter.

For the first six months of 2012, Sempra Natural Gas recorded a loss of \$192 million, including the Rockies Express Pipeline charge. Excluding the charge, Sempra Natural Gas had a \$13 million loss in the first half of 2012, compared with \$110 million in earnings for the first six months last year.

Kinder Morgan, a 50-percent owner of Rockies Express Pipeline, is in the process of selling its interest in the pipeline. As a result of this sales process, Sempra Energy has re-evaluated the fair value of the company's 25-percent interest in the pipeline. Although the pipeline is contracted through late 2019, the impairment charge reflects the impact of the existing weak market conditions on the pipeline's value.

Excluding the Rockies Express Pipeline charge, both the quarterly and six-month results for Sempra Natural Gas were impacted by lower natural gas and power prices, including the expiration of the 10-year California Department of Water Resources power-supply contract in September 2011.

PARENT & OTHER

During the second quarter 2012, Sempra Energy had earnings of \$2 million at the parent company, compared with a loss of \$27 million in the year-ago quarter. The most recent quarter included a deferred tax benefit related to life-insurance contracts.

EARNINGS GUIDANCE

Sempra Energy today reaffirmed its earnings-per-share guidance for 2012 of \$4 to \$4.30, excluding the Rockies Express Pipeline charge (a \$0.73-per-share negative impact) and the tax benefit at the parent company (a \$0.19-per-share positive impact). On a GAAP basis, Sempra Energy's 2012 earnings-per-share guidance is \$3.46 to \$3.76.

INTERNET BROADCAST

Sempra Energy will broadcast a live discussion of its earnings results over the Internet today at 1 p.m. EDT with senior management of the company. Access is available by logging onto the website at www.sempra.com. For those unable to log onto the live webcast, the teleconference will be available on replay a few hours after its conclusion by dialing (888) 203-1112 and entering passcode 1897304.

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Adjusted earnings for 2012 and 2011, and 2012 earnings-per-share guidance, are non-GAAP financial measures. Additional information regarding these non-GAAP measures is in the appendix on Table A of the second-quarter financial tables.

Sempra Energy, based in San Diego, is a Fortune 500 energy services holding company with 2011 revenues of \$10 billion. The Sempra Energy companies' 17,500 employees serve more than 31 million consumers worldwide.

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These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof, and the company undertakes no obligation to update or revise these forecasts or projections or other forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Sempra International, LLC, and Sempra U.S. Gas & Power, LLC, are not the same companies as San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) or Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and Sempra International, LLC and Sempra U.S. Gas & Power, LLC are not regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission. Sempra International's underlying entities include Sempra Mexico and Sempra South American Utilities. Sempra U.S. Gas & Power's underlying entities include Sempra Renewables and Sempra Natural Gas.

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