Sempra Energy Appoints Two New Directors

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SAN DIEGO, Oct. 12, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Sempra Energy (NYSE: SRE) today announced that Cynthia L. Walker and Michael N. Mears have been appointed to the company's board of directors.

Walker is senior vice president of marketing and midstream operations and development for Occidental Petroleum, where she also formerly served as executive vice president and chief financial officer. Mears currently is chairman, president and CEO of Magellan Midstream Partners LP.

The appointments of Walker and Mears were mutually agreed upon by Sempra Energy's board and Elliott Management Corporation as part of the cooperation agreement announced last month. Walker and Mears will serve on the board's LNG and Business Development Committee, which, together with the board, will lead an expanded review of Sempra Energy's businesses. Along with Walker and Mears, three current independent board directors – William C. Rusnack, James C. Yardley and Alan L. Boeckmann – will serve on the committee, with Boeckmann as chair.

"Our strategic vision is to become North America's premier energy infrastructure company," said Jeffrey W. Martin, CEO of Sempra Energy. "With their considerable management experience in the energy industry, especially in the midstream sector, Cynthia Walker and Mike Mears will add critical depth and experience to our board as we continue to expand our energy infrastructure businesses. In addition, their experience evaluating and advising on significant transactions will inform their important work on the LNG and Business Development Committee as part of our expanded business review."

Walker, 42, has served in her current role with Occidental Petroleum since 2016, leading midstream operations and the company's crude oil and natural gas marketing efforts. Previously, she was senior vice president of strategy and development for Occidental, overseeing the company's business development and financial planning activities. Walker joined Occidental Petroleum in 2012 as executive vice president and chief financial officer after 12 years at Goldman, Sachs & Co., where she rose to the position of managing director. At Goldman Sachs, she provided clients with strategic advice in high-profile energy industry transactions as a senior member of the firm's Global Natural Resources Group and Mergers and Acquisitions Group. Walker holds a bachelor's degree in business administration with high honors from the University of Texas at Austin.

Mears, 55, has been chairman, president and CEO of Magellan Midstream Partners since 2011. Previously, from 2008 to 2011, he was the company's chief operating officer. Mears first joined Magellan Midstream Partners in 2002 when the company was formed and held a series of increasingly responsible management positions, including vice president of transportation and senior vice president of terminals and transportation. Before Magellan, Mears worked in a range of management positions for its predecessor company, Williams Pipeline Co., beginning in 1985. He holds a bachelor's degree in chemical and petroleum refining engineering from the Colorado School of Mines.

Sempra Energy, a San Diego-based energy services holding company with 2017 revenues of more than $11 billion, is the utility holding company with the largest U.S. customer base. The Sempra Energy companies' approximately 20,000 employees serve more than 40 million consumers worldwide.

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the resolution of civil and criminal litigation and regulatory investigations; deviations from regulatory precedent or practice that result in a reallocation of benefits or burdens among shareholders and ratepayers; denial of approvals of proposed settlements or modifications of settlements; and delays in, or disallowance or denial of, regulatory agency authorizations to recover costs in rates from customers or regulatory agency approval for projects required to enhance safety and reliability, any of which may raise our cost of capital and materially impair our ability to finance our operations; the greater degree and prevalence of wildfires in California in recent years and risk that we may be found liable for damages regardless of fault, such as in cases where the inverse condemnation doctrine applies, and risk that we may not be able to recover any such costs in rates from customers in California; the availability of electric power, natural gas and liquefied natural gas, and natural gas pipeline and storage capacity, including disruptions caused by failures in the transmission grid, moratoriums or limitations on the withdrawal or injection of natural gas from or into storage facilities, and equipment failures; changes in energy markets, volatility in commodity prices and moves to reduce or eliminate reliance on natural gas; risks posed by actions of third parties who control the operations of our investments, and risks that our partners or counterparties will be unable or unwilling to fulfill their contractual commitments; weather conditions, natural disasters, accidents, equipment failures, computer system outages, explosions, terrorist attacks and other events that disrupt our operations, damage our facilities and systems, cause the release of greenhouse gases, radioactive materials and harmful emissions, cause wildfires and subject us to third-party liability for property damage or personal injuries, fines and penalties, some of which may not be covered by insurance (including costs in excess of applicable policy limits), may be disputed by insurers or may otherwise not be recoverable through regulatory mechanisms or may impact our ability to obtain satisfactory levels of insurance, to the extent that such insurance is available or not prohibitively expensive; cybersecurity threats to the energy grid, storage and pipeline infrastructure, the information and systems used to operate our *businesses and the confidentiality of our proprietary information and the personal information of our customers and employees; our ability to successfully execute our plan to divest certain non-utility assets within the anticipated timeframe, if at all, or that such plan may not yield the anticipated benefits; actions of activist shareholders, which could impact the market price of our common stock, preferred stock and other securities and disrupt our operations as a result of, among other things, requiring significant time and attention by management and our board of directors; capital markets and economic conditions, including the availability of credit and the liquidity of our investments; fluctuations in inflation, interest and currency exchange rates and our ability to effectively hedge the risk of such fluctuations; the impact of recent federal tax reform and uncertainty as to how it may be applied, and our ability to mitigate adverse impacts; actions by credit rating agencies to downgrade our credit ratings or those of our subsidiaries or to place those ratings on negative outlook and our ability to borrow at favorable interest rates; changes in foreign and domestic trade policies and laws, including border tariffs, and revisions to or replacements of international trade agreements, such as the North American Free Trade Agreement, that may increase our costs or impair our ability to resolve trade disputes; the ability to win competitively bid infrastructure projects against a number of strong and aggressive competitors; expropriation of assets by foreign governments and title and other property disputes; the impact on reliability of San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E) electric transmission and distribution system due to increased amount and variability of power supply from renewable energy sources; the impact on competitive customer rates due to the growth in distributed and local power generation and the corresponding decrease in demand for power delivered through SDG&E's electric transmission and distribution system and from possible departing retail load resulting from customers transferring to Direct Access and Community Choice Aggregation or other forms of distributed and local power generation, and the potential risk of nonrecovery for stranded assets and contractual obligations; the ability to realize the anticipated benefits from our investment in Oncor Electric Delivery Holdings Company LLC (Oncor Holdings); Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC's (Oncor) ability to eliminate or reduce its quarterly dividends due to regulatory capital requirements, certain reductions in its senior secured credit rating, or the determination by Oncor's independent directors or a minority member director to retain such amounts to meet future requirements; and other uncertainties, some of which may be difficult to predict and are beyond our control.*

These risks and uncertainties are further discussed in the reports that Sempra Energy has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These reports are available through the EDGAR system free-of-charge on the SEC's website, www.sec.gov, and on Sempra Energy's website at www.sempra.com. Investors should not rely unduly on any forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof and Sempra Energy or its subsidiaries undertake 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.

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