



## Sempra Energy CEO Addresses Energy Transition At Global Energy Forum

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### Chairman and CEO Jeff Martin Says Strong Leadership and Innovation Needed to Drive the Global Energy Transition

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 11, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- [Sempra Energy](#)'s Chairman and CEO, [Jeffrey W. Martin](#), delivered the keynote speech today at S&P Global Platts' Global Energy Outlook Forum, addressing the future of the rapidly evolving energy industry, trends affecting the sector and the need for leadership and innovation to address global issues.



"Access to energy has improved the lives of billions by enabling enhanced health care, greater food supply and technology innovations," said Martin in his keynote address. "However, there are a number of profound challenges facing communities around the globe, including the task of modernizing the world's energy infrastructure and delivering new energy resources."

Sempra Energy is working to capitalize on the opportunities created by the energy transition and the United States' growing leadership position in the global energy market. Sempra Energy is focused on growing in the most attractive markets in North America with a view toward having a global impact. Through its strategically located liquefied natural gas (LNG) development projects, the company is developing the infrastructure that can directly dispatch LNG into Atlantic and Pacific markets to deliver cleaner, more reliable and more affordable energy to the world.

"The world is depending on new energy sources," said Martin. "So many countries need access to cleaner, more secure forms of energy to address the needs of their growing populations. This underlies Sempra's belief that the 21<sup>st</sup> century is the '*Energy Century*' highlighting the need to deliver energy with purpose – backed by strong leadership and a united focus. There is a lot riding on the decisions we make."

Over the past few years, Sempra has set out to simplify its business model and sharpen its focus on building North America's premier energy infrastructure company. The company has reduced its geographic asset base, while narrowing its focus in the energy value chain to transmission and distribution assets that offer attractive returns. In fact, more than 40 million consumers worldwide count on Sempra Energy to power their lives. The company's public utilities power homes and businesses in California and Texas, while also building and operating important energy infrastructure in the United States and Mexico.

The Global Energy Outlook Forum is an annual event held in New York City, bringing together approximately 200 energy executives and industry leaders to discuss power and energy topics driven by social, political, and economic issues around the world. The key themes for this year's event are the energy transition and how the industry is investing in the future.

Additionally, Martin has been nominated for the CEO of the Year Award for the S&P Global Platts Global Energy Awards. Sempra Energy is nominated for the Energy Transition Award, which distinguishes companies at the forefront of the transition to a low-carbon, sustainable economy.

#### About Sempra Energy

Sempra Energy's mission is to be North America's premier energy infrastructure company. With more than \$60 billion in total assets reported in 2018, the San Diego-based company is the utility holding company with the largest U.S. customer base. The Sempra Energy companies' more than 20,000 employees deliver energy with purpose to approximately 40 million consumers worldwide. The company is focused on the most attractive markets in North America, including California, Texas, Mexico and the LNG export market. Sempra Energy has been consistently recognized for its leadership in diversity and inclusion, and sustainability, and is a member of the S&P 500 Utilities Index and the Dow Jones Utility Index.

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denial of approvals of proposed settlements; delays in, 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; and moves to reduce or eliminate reliance on natural gas; 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 harmful materials, cause fires 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 affordable insurance; the availability of electric power and natural gas and natural gas storage capacity, including disruptions caused by failures in the transmission grid, limitations on the withdrawal or injection of natural gas from or into storage facilities, and equipment failures; risks posed by actions of third parties who control the operations of our investments; 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; expropriation of assets, the failure to honor the terms of contracts by foreign governments and state-owned entities such as the CFE, and other property disputes; the impact at San Diego Gas & Electric Company on competitive customer rates and reliability of electric transmission and distribution systems due to the growth in distributed and local power generation 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; Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC's (Oncor) ability to eliminate or reduce its quarterly dividends due to regulatory capital requirements and other regulatory and governance commitments, including the determination by a majority of Oncor's independent directors or a minority member director to retain such amounts to meet future requirements; 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*These risks and uncertainties are further discussed in the reports that Sempra Energy has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). These reports are available through the EDGAR system free-of-charge on the SEC's website, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), and on the company's website, [www.sempra.com](http://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 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.*

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