



## **Sempra Energy Resources' Largest Power Plant Commences Full Operation**

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 12, 2003 - Sempra Energy Resources, the power generation subsidiary of Sempra Energy, (NYSE:SRE), today announced that its \$500 million, 1,250 megawatt (MW) Mesquite Power generation station is fully operational. The power plant is the largest in Sempra Energy Resources' fleet of generating facilities, and the third new plant completed this year to supply power to electric customers in the Pacific Southwest.

This past summer, the first 625 MW phase of Mesquite Power began operation about 40 miles west of Phoenix. The summer season also marked the operational debuts of Termoelectrica de Mexicali (TDM), a wholly-owned 600 MW facility near Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico and Elk Hills Power, a 550 MW facility near Bakersfield, Calif., jointly owned by Sempra Energy Resources and Occidental Petroleum Corporation.

The three natural gas-fueled power plants, which are 40 percent to 45 percent more efficient than typical existing plants, represent a combined investment of more than \$1 billion.

"The completion of Mesquite Power caps a very successful year in terms of our power plant construction efforts, as we completed all three projects on time and under budget," said Donald E. Felsing, group president, Sempra Energy Global Enterprises, the umbrella for Sempra Energy's growth businesses. "All three of our new power plants are delivering power to customers and providing stability to the western power grid."

"The Pacific Southwest continues to grow and electricity produced by Mesquite Power will help fuel the region's expansion," said Michael R. Niggli, president of Sempra Energy Resources. "This clean, efficient power plant represents the latest in electric generating technology, and will produce reliable power for many years to come."

Now that construction of Mesquite Power is complete, the process of replanting more than 250 mesquite trees and 25,000 cacti has begun. Those plants were moved from the area prior to construction, and placed in a temporary nursery. The replanting efforts will continue through March of next year.

Sempra Energy Resources also is working with the Arizona Dept. of Game & Fish in developing portions of the nearby 3,000 acres of property it owns for water rights into a preservation area for local wildlife.

Sempra Energy Resources -- a subsidiary of Sempra Energy Global Enterprises, the umbrella for Sempra Energy's growth businesses -- develops and operates power plants and energy infrastructure for the competitive market.

Sempra Energy, based in San Diego, is a Fortune 500 energy services holding company with 2002 revenues of \$6 billion. The Sempra Energy companies' 12,000 employees serve more than 9 million customers in the United States, Europe, Canada, Mexico, South America and Asia.

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