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### **The Gas Company and SDG&E Honored as *Climate Action Leaders* by California Registry**

LOS ANGELES, California – San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) and the Southern California Gas Company (The Gas Company) have successfully certified their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventories with the California Climate Action Registry (Registry), both earning the distinction of *Climate Action Leader*<sup>™</sup>. Both Sempra Energy utilities are now publicly and voluntarily reporting their GHG emissions under this rigorous registry program.

“Reducing greenhouse gas emissions is an important environmental protection objective for SDG&E and The Gas Company,” said Bret Lane, vice president of environmental, safety and facilities for the utilities. “We are striving to meet our customers’ energy needs in the most environmentally responsible manner.”

Over the last 15 years, SDG&E has invested \$485 million in energy efficiency – over \$82 million last year. During the same period, its energy-efficiency programs have helped customers save more than 2.9 million megawatt hours of electricity – enough to power some 482,000 homes for a year.

SDG&E is expanding its environmentally friendly electricity generated from renewable energy sources – solar, wind, hydro, biomass, and biogas. This is in alignment with California’s goal for the state’s major utilities to tap renewable energy to meet 20 percent of electric demand by 2010.

Over the last 15 years, The Gas Company has invested \$494 million in energy efficiency – over \$42 million last year. During the 15 year period, its energy-efficiency programs have helped customers save more than 312 million therms of natural gas – enough to supply some 567,000 homes for a year.

The Gas Company also helped the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority create the largest fleet of natural gas-fueled buses in the world. The natural gas vehicle (NGV) fleet grew from 200 NGV buses in 1994 to more than 1,500 NGV buses today.

The Registry, created by the California legislature in 2000, is a non-profit public/private partnership that helps companies and organizations throughout the United States to track, publicly report and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. The results are certified by independent third-parties to ensure compliance with Registry protocols and standardization across participants and sectors. Organizations that are willing to meet the accounting standards and third party certification requirements of the Registry show their serious intent to address climate change. The Registry has been widely recognized as a gold standard for public reporting of greenhouse gases.

“Californians are taking the issue of climate change to heart, and The Gas Company and SDG&E are showing real leadership by voluntarily disclosing their greenhouse gas emissions” said Diane

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Wittenberg, President of the California Climate Action Registry. “We applaud their effort to start taking action on climate change.”

Starting next year, all of the electric power companies and utilities in the Registry program, including SDG&E, will also report the “carbon intensity” of the power it delivers. This not only provides a basis for consistent comparison across the power industry regardless of entity size, but also greatly enhances the public’s ability to compare the climate impact of power companies operating in California and allow for the tracking of carbon intensity performance over time.

The Gas Company’s and SDG&E’s certified GHG emission reports for 2004 are now available through the Registry’s website at [www.climateregistry.org/CARROT/Public/](http://www.climateregistry.org/CARROT/Public/).

**SDG&E** currently serves 3.4 million consumers through 1.3 million electric meters and more than 825,000 natural gas meters. The utility's service area spans 4,100 square miles and serves customers in more than 125 communities from Southern Orange County to the Mexican border. SDG&E is a regulated subsidiary of Sempra Energy (NYSE:SRE). Sempra Energy, based in San Diego, is a Fortune 500 energy services holding company. [www.sdge.com](http://www.sdge.com)

**The Gas Company** is the nation’s largest natural gas distribution utility, providing safe and reliable energy to 19.8 million consumers through 5.6 million meters. The company’s service territory covers approximately 20,000 square miles in most of central and Southern California. The Gas Company strives to provide exceptional customer service to enhance the quality of life in the community. The Gas Company is a regulated subsidiary of Sempra Energy (NYSE: SRE). Sempra Energy, based in San Diego, is a Fortune 500 energy services holding company. [www.socalgas.com](http://www.socalgas.com)

**The California Climate Action Registry** is a non-profit public/private partnership that serves as a voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) registry to protect, encourage, and promote early actions to reduce GHG emissions. Over 75 major companies, cities, government agencies and NGOs measure and publicly report their GHG emissions through the Registry. [www.climateregistry.org](http://www.climateregistry.org)

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