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SCPPA APPLAUDS PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE 50 YEARS OF HOOVER DAM HYDROPOWER TO CALIFORNIA

PASADENA, CA — Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) applauds the October 18 Senate passage of the *Hoover Power Allocation Act*, federal legislation to extend for 50 years a supply of clean, renewable hydropower to California, Nevada, and Arizona generated at Hoover Dam.

“Hoover Dam has been a critical part of California’s clean, renewable energy mix for decades,” said SCPPA Executive Director Bill D. Carnahan. “I want to extend my profound appreciation to Rep. Grace Napolitano for her House leadership on this legislation, as well as to Sens. Dianne Feinstein, Barbara Boxer and the rest of the California delegation cosponsors for their support in ensuring that consumers in California continue to receive this low-cost energy resource.”

In addition to the ten SCPPA Member Cities of Anaheim, Azusa, Banning, Burbank, Colton, Glendale, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Riverside and Vernon who contract for Hoover power, millions of others throughout our state share in the purchase of the 2,000 megawatts – enough to power approximately 400,000 California households per year.

“Hoover Dam is one of the largest power plants in the United States,” Carnahan said. “As a result of this legislation, electric consumers in California will save approximately \$180 million each year, compared to what they would have to pay for the same amount of power on the wholesale market.”

“In addition,” Carnahan said, “this energy comes at no cost to federal taxpayers, even though it is generated at a federal dam. Since Hoover’s construction, customers in California, Arizona and Nevada have paid for the costs of the entire dam and operations. This is a win-win for California,” Carnahan said.

The legislation’s Senate passage follows approval by the House of Representatives earlier this month, and will be sent to the President after technical changes are resolved by the House and Senate.

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The Southern California Public Power Authority is a joint powers authority (formed under the Joint Powers Act of the California Legislature in 1980) with twelve public power agency members. SCPPA was formed to finance the construction or acquisition of large scale energy projects, and recently has been focusing on the acquisition of renewable energy on behalf of its members. For more information, visit www.scppa.org.

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