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THOUSANDS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS BENEFIT FROM MUNICIPAL UTILITY PROGRAMS

PASADENA, CA — In 2003, Southern California municipal electric utilities funded energy saving measures equivalent to the usage of 33,000 homes, supported enough solar electric generation to serve nearly 7,000 homes, and assisted over 135,000 low-income customers.

The Southern California Public Power Authority (“SCPPA”) reported today that its municipal utility members, including Anaheim, Azusa, Banning, Burbank, Cerritos, Colton, Glendale, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Riverside and Vernon and the Imperial Irrigation District, have committed over one-half billion dollars to Public Benefit Programs over the last seven years.

Public Benefit Program funds are collected by the utilities and controlled locally by the respective city councils or governing boards. These funds are committed to energy efficiency, renewable energy, research and development, and low-income customer assistance within the utility service area.

In 2003, SCPPA members assisted 135,935 low-income customers, primarily through rate discounts and low or no cost energy efficiency measures. Low-income customers have received 31.5% of Public Benefit Program funds since July 1, 1997.

In addition to the low-income programs, the utilities continued to fund energy efficiency measures within their service areas, and the measures installed in 2003 are

expected to shave 33,000 kilowatts off of the peak demand for electricity and save a total of 1.3 million kilowatt-hours of electrical energy over the expected life of the measures. These programs also freed-up enough power to serve approximately 33,000 homes at an estimated cost of 3.4 ¢/kWh.

In the area of renewable energy, SCPPA members have supported the installation of 6,697 kilowatts of solar photovoltaic systems, since July 1, 1997, to convert sunlight directly into electricity. In addition to solar energy, 28,130 megawatt-hours of other renewable energy was supported by Public Benefit Program funds in 2003.

Public Benefit Programs are an example of how consumer-owned utilities deliver what customers want and need based on local decision-making. Each SCPPA member customizes its Public Benefit Programs to serve its customers and help them make efficient use of the electricity provided by the utility.

The SCPPA Public Benefit Program report is available on SCPPA's Web site at <http://www.scppa.org/publicbenefits.htm>. The report includes a comprehensive program list for each utility as well as a discussion of overall goals and objectives for their respective programs.

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