

# Sempra U.S. Gas & Power Receives Final Approvals For Power-Purchase Agreement With Southern California Public Power Authority

Cities of Los Angeles and Burbank Approve Contract

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 12, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Sempra U.S. Gas & Power today announced that the cities of Los Angeles and Burbank have approved a 20-year agreement to purchase 250 megawatts (MW) of solar power from Sempra U.S. Gas & Power's proposed Copper Mountain Solar 3 project to be constructed in Boulder City, Nev., approximately 40 miles southeast of Las Vegas.

The Copper Mountain Solar 3 agreement provides the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) with the bulk of the power produced by the solar power plant – 210 MW – through an agreement with the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA). SCPPA is a joint powers authority consisting of 11 municipal utilities and one irrigation district that finances power and transmission resources on behalf of its members. LADWP is one of the members as is the city of Burbank. Burbank will purchase the remaining 40 MW.

Power will be delivered from the plant to Southern California through a substation and transmission lines operated by LADWP.

"Copper Mountain Solar 3 is another important step toward reaching our goal of 1,400 megawatts of renewable capacity by 2016," said Jeffrey W. Martin, president and CEO of Sempra U.S. Gas & Power. "We are pleased to partner with the cities of Los Angeles and Burbank as they assume a leadership role in bringing clean renewable energy to their customers in Southern California."

"This solar contract with Sempra U.S. Gas & Power is proof positive that environmental progress and economic growth go hand in hand," said Los Angeles Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa. "It is high time Los Angeles kicked its addiction to dirty coal energy and I am proud we are setting an example for a successful, cost-efficient transition to renewable energy."

"This will bring Burbank to within as much as 1 percent of its 33-percent renewable energy goal for 2020," said Fred Fletcher, assistant general manager of power supply for Burbank Water and Power. "It has taken six years to make that elusive goal real."

Construction on the 1,370-acre Copper Mountain Solar 3 project is expected to begin next month. At the height of construction, it will create approximately 300 new jobs. When completed in late 2015, the project will deliver enough clean electricity to power about 80,000 homes annually. Copper Mountain Solar 3 and its two adjacent Copper Mountain Solar facilities in the Nevada desert will combine to create one of the largest solar power complexes in the Southwest.

Copper Mountain Solar 3 is the fourth utility-scale renewable energy project that Sempra U.S. Gas & Power has developed in Boulder City. When Copper Mountain Solar 3 is completed, the Boulder City solar projects will have a combined capacity exceeding 450 MW. Sempra U.S. Gas & Power has an additional 700 MW of solar power under development in Arizona and California.

Sempra U.S. Gas & Power, LLC is a leading developer of renewable energy and natural gas solutions. The company operates solar, wind and natural gas power plants that generate enough electricity for nearly 1 million homes, along with natural gas storage and pipelines, and distribution utilities.

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