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**DRA Saves Ratepayers \$3.4 Million in
Sierra Pacific Power Company's General Rate Case**

SAN FRANCISCO, October 29, 2009 – The Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA), an independent consumer advocacy division of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), applauds the CPUC for adopting an all-party settlement agreement on Sierra Pacific Power Company's General Rate Case (GRC).

Sierra originally requested an increase in rates of \$8.9 million or 11 percent. DRA recommended an increase in rates of \$4.259 million or 5.35 percent. Thanks in large part to DRA's efforts, the CPUC's adopted settlement results in an increase in rates of \$5.5 million or 7.75 percent, which is \$3.4 million less than Sierra's request.

"DRA's analysis and successful advocacy decreased Sierra's request by more than \$3 million," said DRA Director Dana Appling. "The adoption of this settlement demonstrates DRA's continuing efforts to obtain the lowest possible rates for Californians."

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