



Media Advisory
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1st U.S. POWER PLANT OF ITS KIND TO BE DEDICATED IN LODI AUG. 10

Millions to Benefit from Lodi Energy Center's New "Fast-Start" Technology

WHAT: The Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) will dedicate its state-of-the-art Lodi Energy Center (LEC), a natural gas-fired combined-cycle plant that is one of the cleanest and most efficient plants in the U.S. during a ceremony for 300 invited guests.

LEC's 13 public power utilities and other agencies will use LEC energy to pump water along the California Aqueduct to millions of state residents, operate BART trains in the Bay Area and serve public power consumers in both Northern and Southern California. Utilities serving Lodi, Santa Clara, Lompoc, Modesto, Azusa, Healdsburg, Biggs, Gridley and Ukiah are participants, as are the California Department of Water Resources, the Power and Water Resources Pooling Agency, the Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative, and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART).

The 300-megawatt LEC is the first Siemens generating unit of its type to be built in the U.S. and will promote further investment in intermittent renewable resources, such as wind and solar, because it can quickly provide back-up power when needed. **With its dramatically smaller carbon footprint and unmatched operating flexibility, LEC represents the future of clean, natural gas electric generating plants in California.**

WHEN: **Friday, August 10 at 10 a.m.**

WHERE: **12751 N. Thornton Road, Lodi, California**
Located adjacent to Lodi's White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility just southwest of the intersection of I-5 and CA 12.
Special on-site parking will be provided for TV crew vans.

WHO: State and local representatives will join NCPA officials in celebrating LEC's completion. Speakers include:

The Honorable John Laird, *California Secretary for Natural Resources*
The Honorable Robert Weisenmiller, Chairman, *California Energy Commission*
The Honorable Alyson Huber, *California State Assembly*
The Honorable Steven Bradford, *California State Assembly*
The Honorable Larry Hansen, Councilman, *City of Lodi*
The Honorable Gary Plass, Mayor, *City of Healdsburg*; Chair, *NCPA Commission*
Steve Berberich, President and CEO, *California Independent System Operator*
Bob Balgenorth, *State Building and Construction Trades Council of California*
Jim Pope, General Manager, *NCPA*
Mario Azar, President, *Siemens Energy Solutions Americas*

Videotaped messages from:
Governor Jerry Brown
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Congressman Jerry McNerney

VISUALS: Large-scale electrical station equipment, including a 150-foot stack, cooling towers and generating equipment, along with ponds which provide power plant cooling water. Guests will attend a program featuring a bronze plaque unveiling before touring the new facilities.

Project Participants: The City of Azusa, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), City of Biggs, California Department of Water Resources (CDWR), City of Gridley, City of Healdsburg, City of Lodi, City of Lompoc, Modesto Irrigation District (MID), Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative (PSREC), Power and Water Resources Pooling Agency (PWRPA), Silicon Valley Power (City of Santa Clara) and the City of Ukiah.

About NCPA: *NCPA is a nonprofit California joint powers agency established in 1968 to generate, transmit, and distribute electric power to and on behalf of its sixteen members: the Cities of Alameda, Biggs, Gridley, Healdsburg, Lodi, Lompoc, Palo Alto, Redding, Roseville, Santa Clara, and Ukiah; the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), the Port of Oakland, the Truckee Donner Public Utility District, the Placer County Water Agency, and the Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative. Collectively, NCPA members serve nearly 700,000 electric consumers in Central and Northern California with a 20% eligible renewable resource portfolio. For more information, please visit www.NCPA.com.*