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Sempra Energy Raises Annualized Dividend By 9 Percent

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 23, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- [Sempra Energy](#) (NYSE:SRE) today announced that its board of directors has approved a 9-percent increase in the dividend on shares of the company's common stock to \$3.29 per share, on an annualized basis, from \$3.02 per share.

The first quarterly installment of the new dividend, \$0.8225 per share, is payable April 15, 2017, to shareholders of record on March 23, 2017.

Sempra Energy, based in San Diego, is a Fortune 500 energy services holding company with 2015 revenues of more than \$10 billion. The Sempra Energy companies' 17,000 employees serve more than 32 million consumers worldwide.

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through SDG&E's electric transmission and distribution system and from possible departing retail load resulting from customers transferring to Direct Access and Community Choice Aggregation; and other uncertainties, some of which may be difficult to predict and are beyond our control.

These risks and uncertainties are further discussed in the reports that Sempra Energy has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These reports are available through the EDGAR system free-of-charge on the SEC's website, www.sec.gov, and on the company's website at www.sempra.com. Investors should not rely unduly on any forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof, and the company undertakes no obligation to update or revise these forecasts or projections or other forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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