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DWR Releases Second Quarter Power Trade Tickets

Sacramento - The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) today released trade tickets for this year's second quarter. The documents, released by DWR's California Energy Resources Scheduling (CERS) division, detail individual power sales during April, May and June.

During that three-month period, the CERS division sold 224,871 megawatt hours (or 1.1 percent of the total volume) at an average price of \$45 per megawatt hour.

Power is sold due to a variety of reasons, including forecast adjustments, balancing CERS power portfolio of energy and balancing California's electrical grid. Power sold by the CERS unit is typically power purchased on the spot or short-term market, not power from long-term contracts.

Currently, on any given day, power from long-term contracts provide about one-third to one-half of the daily energy needs for customers of Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric. Another one-third to one-half of the daily power needs is acquired through short-term contracts, such as monthly or quarterly contracts. The remainder of power is then purchased on the spot market.

Under that structure, power from long-term contracts would only be sold if the power they supply exceeds daily demands, which to date has not occurred. The CERS unit has always had to supplement its long-term contract power with spot market purchases to meet daily demands that vary from day-to-day.

Power sales is common practice for any power buying operation to balance energy supply with the constant and

often unpredictable change in power consumption demands. For additional information on power sales, see the [fact sheet](#) (1.5MB .doc).

The release of these second quarter trade tickets follows a waiting period of one full quarter in order to protect DWR's ability to negotiate further power transactions in the spot market. In accordance with that schedule, third quarter information will be released following the conclusion of the fourth quarter (i.e.: early January 2002).

In addition, the Department will release its Activities and Expenditures Report later this month as required by Assembly Bill X1 1.

Copies of the trade tickets, that total 226 pages, are now available between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays at the Department of Water Resources, Bulletins and Reports Unit, 1416 9th Street, Room 338, Sacramento, Ca 95814. Cost for a copy is \$22.60 (plus shipping) payable by check or money order to the Department of Water Resources. Second quarter spot purchase information is also available. For shipping or ordering information, contact DWR's publication unit at (916) 653-1097.

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