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SDTC Policy Action Success

SAN DIEGO – July 13, 2005 – The San Diego Telecom Council (SDTC), the premier organization promoting growth of the region's telecommunications industry, is pleased to report that two of SDTC's recent policy actions in concert with others have succeeded:

1. CPUC Ruling Saves SDG&E Customers \$368 Million

SDTC supported the efforts of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce in asking the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to reduce proposed charges for state energy contracts to San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) customers by an estimated \$368 million. PG&E and Edison were lobbying hard to shift the costs to San Diego ratepayers. The SDTC wrote to each of the CPUC Commissioners at least twice during the multi-year case. The ruling should save San Diego telecom companies significant dollars. In fact, this decision should save Qualcomm approximately \$1 million.

2. Confirmation of Andrea Hoch as Director of the California Division of Workers' Compensation

SDTC spearheaded the coordination of the efforts of SDTC, CONNECT and the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce in lobbying members of the State Senate to confirm Governor Schwarzenegger's nominee for Director of the California Division of Workers' Compensation Andrea Hoch. The leadership of each organization and many of the organizations' members wrote and called Senate Democrats urging them to confirm the Governor's appointment. Hoch is credited with implementing many of the sorely needed reforms of the state's workers' comp system.

The SDTC would like to thank William W. Eigner and Aimee Smith of the Policy Committee for their time with these initiatives.

About the San Diego Telecom Council

As a broad-based coalition of communications-related companies, service providers, professional trade groups and organizations within the public sector, the San Diego Telecom Council (SDTC) is working to position the San Diego region as a world center for innovation in telecommunications. The SDTC provides members a forum for the sharing of information and

opinion on emerging industry standards and markets, offers networking and strategic partnering opportunities, serves as a lobby to impact policy and legislation, and assists in recruiting telecommunications companies, professionals and investment to San Diego. For additional information, please call 858/546-4150, or visit www.sdtelecom.org.