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**San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant to Permanently Close
Groups including World Business Academy's Safe Energy Project successfully
lobby for closure**

Today a major goal of the World Business Academy's Safe Energy Project has been achieved – Southern California Edison (SCE) has finally given in to public and regulatory pressure and decided to permanently close the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS).

“Looking ahead,” said Ron Litzinger, SCE's President, “we think that our decision to retire the units will eliminate uncertainty and facilitate orderly planning for California's energy future.”

This decision comes after years of pressure from public interest organizations such as The Utility Reform Network, Friends of the Earth, and Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility, which have been demanding real oversight from regulators. The World Business Academy recently joined this effort as an intervener in hearings before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to make the business case on the economic risks of SONGS both to ratepayers and to the economy of California.

Despite today's SCE announcement, our work continues. Dr. Jerry Brown, Director of the Academy Safe Energy Project states: “The World Business Academy has argued before the California Public Utilities Commission that the \$1.2 billion in costs of the SONGS steam generator replacement, breakdown and power outage should not be passed on to SCE customers.”

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