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x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008

o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from

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SEMPRA ENERGY SAVINGS PLAN, SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY SAVINGS PLAN, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN AND MESQUITE POWER, LLC SAVINGS PLAN

(Full title of the Plans)

SEMPRA ENERGY

(Name of the issuer of the securities held pursuant to the Plan)

101 Ash Street, San Diego, California 92101

(Address of principal executive office of the issuer)

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Trustees and Participants of the

Sempra Energy Savings Plan San Diego, California

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Sempra Energy Savings Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2008, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan s management. Such schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic 2008 financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

San Diego, California June 29, 2009

SEMPRA ENERGY SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

(Dollars in thousands)

	2008	2007
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 5	\$ 46
INVESTMENT Investment in Sempra Energy Savings Master Trust	138,413	187,938
RECEIVABLES:		
Dividends	360	304
Employer contributions	985	988
Total receivables	1,345	1,292
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 139,763	\$ 189,276

See notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

(Dollars in thousands)

	2008	2007
ADDITIONS:		
Net investment (loss) income Plan interest in Sempra Energy Savings Master Trust investment (loss) income	\$ (55,273) \$	14,969
Contributions:		
Employer	3,755	3,722
Participating employees	11,971	10,466
Total contributions	15,726	14,188
Transfers from plans of related entities	2,175	7,806
Net (deductions) additions	(37,372)	36,963
DEDUCTIONS:		
Distributions to participants or their beneficiaries	8,172	14,315
Transfers to plans of related entities	2,241	2,191
Transfers out to other plans	1,705	
Administrative expenses	23	22
Total deductions	12,141	16,528
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	(49,513)	20,435
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS Beginning of year	189,276	168,841
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS End of year	\$ 139,763 \$	189,276

See notes to financial statements.

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SEMPRA ENERGY SAVINGS PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

1. PLAN DESCRIPTION AND RELATED INFORMATION

The following description of the Sempra Energy Savings Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan s provisions.

General The Plan is a defined contribution plan that provides employees of Sempra Energy or any affiliate who has adopted this Plan (the Company or Employer) with retirement benefits. Employees may participate immediately in the Plan and, after one year in which they complete 1,000 hours of service, receive an employer matching contribution. Employees may make regular savings investments in Sempra Energy common stock and other optional investments permitted by the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Employees transfer between the Company and related entities for various reasons, resulting in the transfer of participant assets from one plan to another.

Contributions Contributions to the Plan can be made under the following provisions:

Participating Employee Contributions Under the terms of the Plan, participants may contribute up to 25% of eligible pay on a pretax basis, an after-tax basis, or a combination thereof. Effective January 1, 2008, the employee deferral limits increased from 25% to 50% of eligible pay on a pretax basis, an after-tax basis or a combination thereof. The Internal Revenue Code (IRC) limited total individual pretax contributions to \$15,500 for both 2008 and 2007. Catch-up contributions are permitted for participants of at least 50 years of age. The catch-up provision provides these participants the opportunity to contribute an additional \$5,000 on a pretax basis for both 2008 and 2007. The Plan allows for automatic enrollment of newly hired employees who either do not elect a specific deferral percentage or do not opt out of the Plan. The automatic deferral is an amount equal to 3% of eligible pay and the default investment vehicle for both 2008 and 2007 is a T. Rowe Price Retirement Fund option based on the assumption that the employee will retire at age 65.

Effective February 1, 2007, the initial automatic deferral amount of 3% of eligible pay automatically increases every May by 1% up to a maximum of 6%. Employees hired after January 1, 2007, have the option to opt out, and employees hired prior to that date have the option to opt in.

Employer Nonelective Matching Contributions The Company makes matching contributions to the Plan for all Plan participants except for those employed by El Dorado Energy, LLC (El Dorado), a subsidiary of the Company. The matching contributions are equal to 50% of each participant s contribution, up to the first 6% of eligible pay, each pay period. For the participants employed by El Dorado, that company makes matching contributions to the Plan equal to 100% of each participant s contribution, up to the first 6% of eligible pay, each pay period. Employer contributions are funded, in part, from the Sempra Energy Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust. The Company s matching contributions are invested in Sempra Energy common stock. Total employer nonelective matching contributions for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, were \$2,769,346 and \$2,734,858, respectively.

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Discretionary Incentive Contribution If established performance goals and targets of Sempra Energy are met in accordance with the terms of the incentive guidelines established each year, the Company will make an additional incentive contribution for all participants except those employed by El Dorado, as determined by the board of directors of Sempra Energy. Incentive contributions of 1% of eligible compensation for all eligible participants except those employed by El Dorado were made for each of 2008 and 2007. For participants of the Plan employed by El Dorado, each year that company will make an additional incentive contribution of not less than 3% and not more than 6% of eligible pay. For 2008 and 2007, El Dorado contributed 6.0% and 3.49%, respectively. Incentive contributions were made on March 16, 2009 and March 14, 2008, to all employees employed on December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The contributions were made in the form of cash and stock and invested according to each participant s investment election on the date of contribution. Total discretionary incentive contributions for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, were \$985,344 and \$987,827, respectively. These amounts are reflected in Employer contributions receivable on the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Participant Accounts A separate account is established and maintained in the name of each participant and reflects the participant s contributions, the employer s nonelective matching and discretionary incentive contributions, and the earnings and losses attributed to each investment fund less administrative expenses. Participants are allocated a share of each fund s investment earnings net of investment fees on a daily basis, based upon their account balance as a percentage of the total fund balance. Investment expenses, except those for a specific transaction, are allocated quarterly to individual funds based on either fund balance or a participant s pro rata share, as defined in the Plan document.

Participants are allowed to redirect up to 100% of the shares in the Employer matching account into any of the Plan s designated investments.

Vesting All participant accounts are fully vested and nonforfeitable at all times.

Investment Options All investments are held by the Sempra Energy Savings Master Trust (the Master Trust) (see Note 5). Employees elect to have their contributions invested in increments of 1% in Sempra Energy common stock, specific mutual funds offered by T. Rowe Price, Fidelity Investment Managers, and the Vanguard Group, or a broad range of funds through a brokerage account, TradeLink. Participants may invest a maximum of 50% of the value of their plan accounts (excluding the employer matching contributions) within their TradeLink brokerage account.

Payment of Dividends Participants may elect at any time to either receive distributions of cash dividends on the shares of Sempra Energy common stock held in the account balances or to reinvest those dividends in Sempra Energy common stock. Former employees that elect to leave their account balance in the Plan and receive cash dividends from Sempra Energy common stock in their account will receive such dividends in cash or have them reinvested in Sempra Energy common stock, based on their election on the date of termination of employment with the Company, retirement or permanent disability.

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Payment of Benefits Upon termination of employment with the Company, retirement or permanent disability, participants or the named beneficiary(ies) (in the event of death) with an account balance greater than \$5,000 are given the options to have their vested account balance remain in the Plan, roll the entire amount to another qualified retirement plan or individual retirement account, or receive their vested account balance in a single lump-sum payment in cash or Sempra Energy common stock for any portion of their account held in Sempra Energy common stock. The accounts of terminated participants with account balances from \$1,000 to \$5,000 that do not elect a lump-sum payment or a rollover to a qualified retirement plan or individual retirement account will be automatically rolled into an individual retirement account with T. Rowe Price. Terminated participants with account balances less than \$1,000 automatically receive a lump-sum cash payment.

Plan Termination Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of termination, the net assets of the Plan will be distributed to the participants.

Related-Party Transactions Certain Plan investments, held through the Master Trust, are shares of mutual funds managed by T. Rowe Price, the Plan s recordkeeper; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Certain administrative functions of the Plan are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Certain administrative expenses are paid directly by the Company, such as legal and accounting fees. All investment expenses are paid by the participants, including recordkeeping, trustee, loan, redemption and investment management fees. Fees paid by the Plan to the recordkeeper for administrative services were \$23,552 and \$22,466 for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

At December 31, 2008 and 2007, the Plan held, through the Master Trust, 1,053,740 and 1,003,524 shares of common stock of Sempra Energy, the sponsoring Employer, with a revalued cost basis, revalued annually as of January 1, of \$62,754,294 and \$55,327,427 and recorded dividend income of \$1,399,026 and \$1,208,807, respectively, during the years then ended.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Use of Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets and disclosures at the date of the financial statements and the reported changes in net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Adoption of New Accounting Pronouncements In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*. SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, sets a framework for measuring fair value and requires additional disclosures about fair value measurements (see Note 7). SFAS No. 157 is effective for financial statements

issued for the plan for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The adoption of SFAS No. 157 did not have a material impact on the Plan s net assets available for benefits or changes in net assets available for benefits.

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Investment Valuation and Income Recognition The fair value of the Plan s interest in the Master Trust is based on the beginning of year value of the Plan s interest in the Master Trust plus actual contributions and allocated investment income less actual distributions and allocated administrative expense, plus or minus changes in unrealized gains and losses. In the Master Trust, participant loans (see Note 4) are carried at outstanding loan balances plus accrued interest.

The Master Trust s investments are stated at fair value. Shares of mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices, which represent the net asset value of shares held by the Master Trust at year-end. Common/collective trust funds are stated at estimated fair value as determined by the issuer of the common/collective trust funds based on the unit values of the funds. Unit values are determined by dividing the fund s net assets, which represent the quoted fair market values of the underlying investments, by its units outstanding at the valuation dates.

The Master Trust invests in the T. Rowe Price Stable Value Common Trust Fund, which is a stable value fund. The fund invests principally in guaranteed investment contracts (GICs) issued by insurance companies; investment contracts issued by banks; synthetic investment contracts (SICs) issued by banks, insurance companies and other issuers; securities supporting such SICs; and other similar instruments which are intended to maintain a constant net asset value. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. Contract value represents contributions made to the fund, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals. Contract value approximates fair value at December 31, 2008 and 2007.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on the trade dates. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Benefit Payments Benefits are recorded when paid. There were no amounts allocated to accounts of persons who have elected to withdraw from the Plan but have not yet been paid as of December 31, 2008 or 2007.

3. TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated November 14, 2002, that the Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with the applicable regulations of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter; however, the Company and Plan management believe that the Plan is currently designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and that the Plan and related trust continue to be tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan s financial statements.

4. PARTICIPANT LOANS

The Plan permits participants to borrow against the balances in their individual accounts within the Master Trust. A participant is limited to borrowing a maximum of 50% of the value of his/her account balance or \$50,000, whichever is less. The minimum amount that can be borrowed is \$1,000, and the fee charged for processing a loan is paid by the participant who takes out the loan. Participants may have up to two loans outstanding, one of which can be a primary residence loan. Primary residence loans are amortized over 15 years, and other loans have a maximum repayment period of five years. All loans bear interest at 1% above the prime rate, as published in *The Wall Street Journal*, at the time the loan is made. As of December 31, 2008 and 2007, interest rates on loans ranged from 4.25% to 10.50% and 5.00% to 10.50%, respectively, and as of December 31, 2008, had maturity dates through August 2023. The balance of the Plan s participant loans of \$1,787,325 and \$1,889,841 is included in Investment in Sempra Energy Savings Master Trust on the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

5. INVESTMENTS IN THE MASTER TRUST (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

The Plan s assets are held in a trust account at T. Rowe Price, the trustee of the Plan (the Trustee), and consist of an interest in the Master Trust. Use of the Master Trust permits the commingling of the trust assets of two or more similar employee benefit plans sponsored by Sempra Energy for investment and administrative purposes. The Plan s interest in the net assets of the Master Trust is based on the individual Plan participants investment balances. Investment income is allocated on a daily basis through a valuation performed by the Trustee. Expenses relating to the Master Trust are allocated to the individual funds based upon each participant s pro rata share, per-share calculation, or by transaction in a specific fund. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, the Plan s interest in the net assets of the Master Trust was approximately 9% for both years.

The net assets available for benefits of the Master Trust at December 31, 2008 and 2007, are summarized as follows:

		2007	
At fair value:			
Sempra Energy common stock	\$	686,525 \$	997,411
Mutual funds		653,497	935,745
At estimated fair value common/collective trusts		155,544	217,407
At cost participant loans		46,440	40,015
Net assets available for benefits	\$	1,542,006 \$	2,190,578

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Net appreciation (depreciation), and dividend and interest income for the Master Trust for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, are as follows:

	2008	2007
Net (depreciation) appreciation of investments at fair value:		
Sempra Energy common stock	\$ (305,684) \$	99,550
Mutual funds	(296,296)	18,891
Net depreciation of investments at estimated fair value:		
Common/collective trusts	(50,155)	(23,649)
Net (depreciation) appreciation of investments	\$ (652,135) \$	94,792
Dividend income	\$ 47,138 \$	80,240
Interest income	\$ 3,266 \$	2,875

The following investments held by the Plan through the Master Trust represent 5% or more of the Plan s assets at December 31, 2008 and 2007:

	2008	2007
Sempra Energy common stock	\$ 44,921	\$ 62,098
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund	18,484	28,541
T. Rowe Price Personal Strategy Balanced Fund	12,609	17,380
T. Rowe Price Small-Cap Stock Fund	10,687	16,177
Pyramis Select International Equity Commingled Pool Fund	7,606	14,048*
T. Rowe Price Stable Value Fund	7,158	5,893**

^{*} Effective February 7, 2007, the Fidelity Select International Fund was renamed the Pyramis Select International Equity Commingled Pool Fund.

The Plan, through the Master Trust, invests in various securities as detailed above. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of certain investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for Plan benefits.

^{**} This investment does not represent 5% or more of the Plan s assets at December 31, 2007, but is shown for comparative purposes.

6. NONPARTICIPANT DIRECTED INVESTMENTS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

The Company s nonelective matching contributions to the Plan are invested solely in Sempra Energy common stock. These contributions are classified as nonparticipant directed investments despite the employee s ability to subsequently transfer them into other investments. The investment of employer discretionary incentive contributions follows participant direction. Information about the Sempra Energy common stock investments held by the Master Trust, and the significant components of the changes therein, for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, are as follows:

		2008	2007
Nonparticipant directed assets Sempra	Energy common stock in the Master Trust	\$ 28,540	\$ 40,051
Changes in assets:			
Contributions		\$ 2,769	\$ 2,735
Net (depreciation) appreciation and divide	end income	(11,330)	5,628
Distributions to participants or their benefit	ficiaries	(1,179)	(2,803)
Transfers to participant directed investme	ents	(1,689)	(3,728)
Transfers (to) from plans of related entities	es	(82)	638
Total change in assets		\$ (11,511)	\$ 2,470

7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

In accordance with SFAS No. 157, the investments in the Master Trust are classified into Level 1, which refers to securities valued using quoted prices from active markets for identical assets; Level 2, which refers to securities not traded on an active market but for which observable market inputs are readily available; and Level 3, which refers to securities valued based on significant unobservable inputs. Investments are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy a summary of the Master Trust s investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2008.

	Master Trust Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2008						
	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total
Sempra Energy common stock	\$ 686,525					\$	686,525
Mutual funds	653,497						653,497
Common/collective trusts		\$	155,544				155,544
Participant loans				\$	46,440		46,440
Total assets at fair value	\$ 1,340,022	\$	155,544	\$	46,440	\$	1,542,006

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The following table presents a reconciliation of the fair value of investments classified as Level 3:

Level 3 Master Trust Investments Year ended December 31, 2008 Participant loans

Balance, beginning of year	\$ 40,015
Purchase, sales, issuances and settlements (net)	6,425
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Balance, end of year	\$ 46,440

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