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SCE Begins Notification Process to Eliminate 600 Nuclear Plant Jobs

ROSEMEAD, Calif., June 26, 2013 — Southern California Edison (SCE) issued a workforce reduction notice Monday that approximately 600 non-union jobs will be eliminated at the San Onofre nuclear plant this summer.

The notice follows SCE's announcement on June 7 to permanently retire San Onofre Units 2 and 3. The nuclear plant's workforce of 1,500 will be reduced to 400 next year as preparations proceed to decommission the 2,200-megawatt plant.

The Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act notice issued Monday signals that non-union employees affected by the workforce reduction will be laid off in a little over 60 days. In addition, SCE will work with the Utility Workers Union of America and the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers through the collective bargaining process on transition plans for the union employees affected by the shutdown.

"The premature shutdown of San Onofre is very unfortunate," said Pete Dietrich, SCE's senior vice president and chief nuclear officer. "We have an extraordinary team of men and women. We appreciate their years of dedicated service and will continue to extend to them the utmost respect and consideration."

He noted the company will work to ensure a fair process for the transition, including a job fair for displaced workers.

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