

## Plan Sponsors Continue to Adopt the MSCI US Equity Indices

### *Over USD 150 Billion Now Benchmarked to MSCI US Equity Indices*

**New York – August 1, 2006.** MSCI Barra, a leading provider of benchmark indices and risk management analytics products, announced today that Sempra Energy (NYSE: SRE) has selected the MSCI US Investable Market 2500 Index as the target benchmark for the passively managed US equity portion of its Nuclear Decommissioning Fund. State Street Global Advisors (SSgA) will continue to manage the fund.

“We are very pleased with Sempra Energy’s decision to expand its use of the MSCI US Equity Indices to its Nuclear Decommissioning Fund,” said Ken O’Keeffe, Executive Director at MSCI Barra. “This confirms the value that our US Equity Indices provide to asset owners who are seeking not only a precise representation of the US equity market but also a replicable benchmark for their passive strategies.”

With a growing list of clients, which includes Sempra Energy, AARP Financial, Vanguard, SSgA, Allstate, Callan Associates and others, the MSCI US Equity Indices serve as benchmarks for investments totalling more than USD 150 billion, in defined benefit pension plans, 401K plans, 529 plans, ETFs, and mutual funds.

The MSCI US Equity Indices were launched in 2003 after extensive consultations with institutional investors. The indices aim to more broadly and precisely reflect the various size and style segments of the US market.

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