

Stephen Baum, CEO Of Sempra Energy To Discuss Economics Of Electricity, Natural Gas At UCSD, February 18

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Utility operations, their economics, how the grid works, why it fails and what has been done to ensure safe and continuous operations will be among subjects discussed by the Chairman of Sempra Energy, Stephen L. Baum, when he addresses the UCSD Economics Roundtable February 18 to be held beginning at 7:30 a. m. at the Faculty Club on the University of California, San Diego campus. The event is open to the public.

Sempra Energy, a San Diego based Fortune 500 utility, provides natural gas and electricity to more than 28 million global customers. Under its subsidiary, SDG&E, the firm has supplied gas and electricity to San Diego for generations. For more than a decade, Stephen L. Baum has served as chief of operations with titles including Executive Vice President, President, CEO and now Chairman. He is a life-long utility executive, having held various positions in utilities in New York State and as Senior Vice President General Counsel of the New York Power Authority.

Baum directs the strategic operations of all Sempra Energy companies whose 12,000 employees serve customers in the United States, Europe, Canada, Mexico, South America and Asia. Baum was deeply involved in building the companies international operations, including extensive natural gas activity in Mexico.

A graduate of Harvard University and the University of Virginia Law School Baum serves on numerous San Diego, California and national boards.

The Economics Roundtable, www.econ.ucsd.edu/roundtable is sponsored by the UCSD Department of Economics in coordination with UCSD Extended Studies and Public Programs. To make reservations for the roundtable breakfast, which costs \$50 per person, contact Edie Munk at (858) 822-0510 or emunk@ucsd.edu. Members of the news media are invited to attend free of charge but must make reservations in advance.

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