Use Twitter to Gain a Competitive Edge in Media Relations

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About SCE

One of the nation's largest electric utilities. We power:

- 14 million+ people
- 180 cities
- 11 counties
- 50,000 square miles of service area
- 5,000 large businesses
- 280,000 small businesses







Our Social Channels & Audiences

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Identify and engage with influential media professionals on Twitter





Making Friends







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Southern California Edison was aware of problems with replacement steam generators at its San Onofre nuclear power plant but chose not to make fixes, U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer charged Wednesday.



Los Angeles Times @latimes · Unfollow

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@MollyReports WashPost: Edison said "it is simply not accurate" to suggest (@SCE) was aware of design problems, songscommunity.com/docs/020713 ne... Details

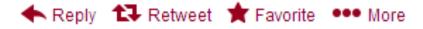


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I respect @SCE_SONGS. After tweeting an article about them yesterday, they replied to my tweet with their response. Good social media use!

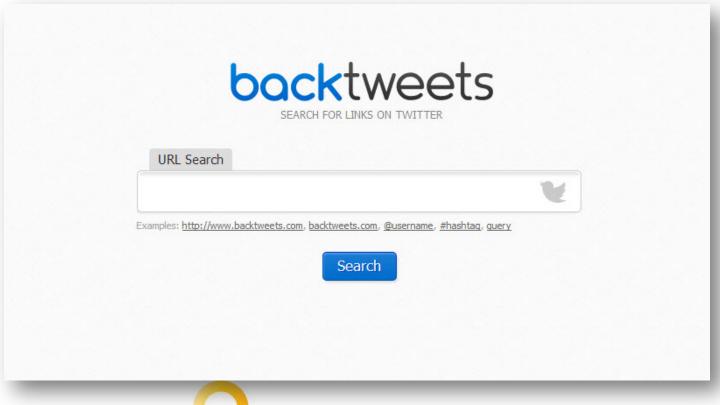


12:34 PM - Feb 8, 2013





Who's Saying What? Backtweets.com







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HOW IT WORKS

- The Los Angeles Times writes an article about San Onofre.
- It was retweeted more than 70 times.
- WHO RETWEETED IT?



Who's Saying What? See who Retweeted the same article...



L.A. Times News 24/7

San Onofre layoffs raise questions about nuclear plant's future http://t.co/OvjGBaph



Andrew Sims

Save the boobies!!! "@PiyaSRoy: NOOO! RT@LANow San Onofre layoffs raise questions about nuclear plant's future http://t.co/VW6gFqX5"

@ Reply **Retweet **Pavorite*



Global Green USA

Clean energy, please RT@lanow: San Onofre layoffs raise questions about nuclear plant's future http://t.co/mbnDofNh



Piya Sinha-Roy



Watchdog Progressive

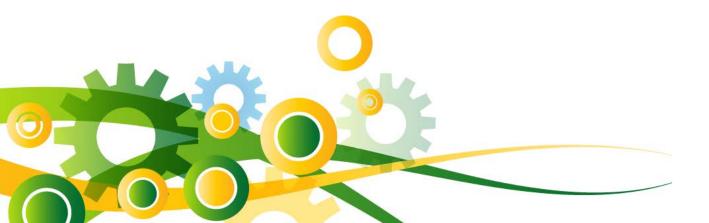
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Integrate Twitter with traditional media relations tactics





Checklist for news & announcements

Communication Tool

- White paper
- Infographic
- Social connection list {Cision, Muck Rack etc}
- New photo or gallery
- Existing photo or gallery
- New video
- Existing video

Channel

- ☐ Twitter post
- relevant hashtag
- account names for each associated
 agency/vendor/company}
- ☐ Facebook : Our own page
- ☐ Link to pages for each associated agency/vendor/company
- ☐ Pinterest {link to our own pages and favorable stories}
- ☐ YouTube
- Storify {telling the story of the campaign}
- Portal, Inside Edison
- Connections
- Blog (ours, other agencies)
- ☐ Employee email
- ☐ Flickr/Instagram



On Saturday, September 15 around 4 p.m., about 2,000 customers in the cities of Covina and West Covina experienced a prolonged outage. By 8 a.m. the next morning, with temperatures soaring above 90 degrees, there were still 1,300 customers who remained without power.

SCE teams opened a distribution center in Palm View Park to give away free ice and water for residents who had been affected by the outages.



- Pictures from Local Public Affairs posted as status and into album
- Outpouring of thanks and support from community (combined 387 likes, 31 comments, 39 shares)
- Any negative comments quickly addressed by community members





- **KPCC**
- KNX (story + restoration update)
- KFI
- KNBC
- KABC (good conservation and safety messages included in video)
- <u>LA Times</u> (outage, mentions Twitter feed)
- <u>LA Times</u> (restoration)
- San Gabriel Valley Tribune

KNBC found out about the story from Twitter, and used SCE picture posted on Twitter and Facebook



water and ice center in Palm View Park after a substation fire cut power to thousands of customers in West Covina.

Temperatures in the area were expected to climb into the

mid-90s

Earlier in the day, the utility company gave out free water and ice at a neighborhood park to help those affected by the outage combat soaring temperatures, according to a news release.

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- 15 tweets
- 74 retweets
- CPUC followed
- Broke story on Twitter, immediate calls from KNBC, KFI
- Sent note to KPCC's Andrea
 Wang to tell her power had
 been restored. Her response:
 "Yes, saw the news on twitter!
 Thanks so much for your help;
 story updated accordingly."





Measure the ROI of your media relations efforts on Twitter

The truth is, we don't know exactly, yet.

What we do know is this:

- News editors and reporters follow us on social and report from there, sometimes without even calling us.
- We're increasing our efficiency if one tweet takes care of 10 phone calls.
- We do know that a combination of traditional and social media works best.





Thank you

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