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**Public Notice
for the
San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E)
Otay Mesa Power Purchase Agreement Transmission Project**

Pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 1001, the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) General Order (GO) 131-D and the CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) submitted an Application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for the proposed Otay Mesa Power Purchase Agreement (OMPPA) Transmission Project (Application No. A.04-03-008), filed on March 8, 2004.

Notice is hereby given that the CPUC will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for SDG&E's proposed OMPPA Transmission Project. SDG&E intends to enter into a contract with the Calpine Corporation to purchase 570 megawatts (MW) of power from Calpine's Otay Mesa Power Plant. According to SDG&E, the project is proposed as the primary infrastructure needed to connect Calpine's Otay Mesa Power Plant to SDG&E's transmission system. The proposed project includes a new 230 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission circuit that would connect the Otay Mesa Power Plant with both the existing Sycamore Canyon and Old Town substations. The primary components to be evaluated in the EIR include a new 230 kV electric transmission circuit, a new transition station and modifications to the existing Sycamore Canyon, Miguel and Old Town substations. The new 230 kV transmission circuit to be evaluated in the EIR includes approximately 21 miles of overhead transmission lines to be located within existing SDG&E right-of-way and seven miles of transmission lines to be located underground primarily within City of San Diego roadways. The transmission line to be evaluated in the EIR would cross the cities of San Diego, Chula Vista, National City and unincorporated areas in the eastern portion of San Diego County, as well as military lands. A Project vicinity map is shown on the back of this notice.

Copies of the Notice of Preparation are available for review at Dudek & Associates office at 605 Third Street, Encinitas, CA 92024; San Diego Central Library, 820 E Street, San Diego, CA 92101; Mission Hills Library, 925 West Washington Street, San Diego, CA 92103; Eastlake Branch Library, 1120 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, CA 91913; National City Public Library, 200 East 12th Street, National City, CA 91950; and the Linda Vista Branch Library, 2160 Ulric Street, San Diego, CA 92111. Three public scoping meetings will be held at the locations and times shown below. Your attendance at one of these meetings will provide you with additional opportunities to learn more about the Project and to comment on the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the Draft EIR.

August 3	Balboa Park Club, 7-9 PM, 2125 Park Blvd., San Diego
August 4	City of Chula Vista Council Chambers, 2-4 PM, 276 Fourth Ave., Chula Vista
August 4	City of Chula Vista Council Chambers, 7-9 PM, 276 Fourth Ave., Chula Vista

Information about the environmental review process will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.dudek.com/cpuc/sdge-omppa-trans-proj/>.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, written responses not presented at the public scoping meeting must be sent no later than 30 days after receipt of this notice or no later than August 23, 2004. Please send your comments to: Billie Blanchard, California Public Utilities Commission, c/o Dudek & Associates, Inc., 605 Third Street, Encinitas, CA 92024.