

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**To: All Interested Parties**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared this Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for consideration of San Diego Gas and Electric Company's Application (A.04-03-008) for the Proposed Otay Mesa Power Purchase Agreement (OMPPA) Transmission Project. The Final EIR has been prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and incorporates changes resulting from comments submitted during the Draft EIR comment period (March 3 to April 16, 2005) and any approved time extensions by the Lead Agency.

**Description of the Proposed Project.** If approved, the Proposed Project would install a new 230-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission circuit that would connect Calpine's Otay Mesa Generation Project (OMGP), currently under construction near SDG&E's existing Miguel Substation, with SDG&E's existing Sycamore Canyon Substation, and a second 230 kV electric transmission circuit that would connect the OMGP to SDG&E's existing Old Town Substation. Additional Project components would include a new transition station and modifications to the existing Sycamore Canyon, Miguel and Old Town Substations. The new 230 kV transmission circuit evaluated in the EIR includes approximately 18 miles of overhead 230 kV transmission circuit to be located within existing SDG&E right-of-way and ten miles of 230 kV transmission circuit to be located underground primarily within existing SDG&E right-of-way and public roadways. According to SDG&E, the Project is proposed as the primary infrastructure needed to connect the OMGP to SDG&E's transmission system.

**Contents of the Final EIR.** The Final EIR consists of three volumes and includes Volume 1 (Draft EIR), Volume 2 (Draft Appendices, including the Alternatives Screening Report as Appendix 2), and Volume 3 (Responses to Comments on the Draft EIR including changes made to the Draft EIR).

**CPUC Actions After Final EIR Publication.** There is no comment period following issuance of the Final EIR. The CPUC will determine the adequacy of this Final EIR, and, if adequate, will certify the document as compliant with CEQA. The CPUC will issue a Decision on the proposed OMPPA Transmission Project, which will be announced and published concurrent with a scheduled CPUC meeting. The final decision is tentatively expected at the last Commission meeting in June 2005. Within 30 days after the Decision is issued by the CPUC, parties can apply for rehearing. For further information on the CPUC's decision-making process, call the CPUC Public advisor at (415) 703-2074.

If the CPUC approves the project or an alternative, the CPUC will implement a Mitigation Monitoring, Reporting and Compliance Program as defined in Section G of the Final EIR. This program will ensure that the approved route is constructed as defined, and that all adopted mitigation measures and Applicant-Proposed Measures are implemented in order that effects on the environment do not exceed those defined in this EIR.

**Availability of Final EIR.** Copies of the Final EIR have also been mailed to parties to the General Proceeding and Federal, State, local government agencies that commented on the Draft EIR as well as some members of the public. The document is available on the project's website at: <http://www.dudek.com/cpuc/sdge-omppa-trans-proj/>.

The Final EIR is also available at the repository locations below:

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 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
National City, CA 91950

Linda Vista Branch Library  
2160 Ulric Street  
San Diego, CA 92111-6628

Chula Vista Public Library  
Civic Center Branch  
365 F Street  
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Chula Vista Public Library  
South Chula Vista Branch  
389 Orange Avenue  
Chula Vista, CA 91911

The CPUC has a limited number of copies of the Final EIR document available to the public upon request at the above addresses/numbers.

Further information about this document is available from Ms. Billie Blanchard, CPUC Project Manager, at (415) 703-2068.